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April 28-29, Northern Virginia Coin Club, Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna, VA

May 18-20, Dulles Coin Expo, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA

May 25-27, 3rd Annual Capital City Coin and Currency Show, Holiday Inn Central, 3207 North Blvd., Richmond, VA

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President's Letter

John Koebert

First, let me wish all of you a happy 2007! As we leave 2006 behind, let us not forget what a great year it was for collectors young and old. For me, it was the opportunity to add a few pieces to my collection, join a great new club for early copper enthusiasts and learn more about the hobby I love. I sincerely hope it was the same for you.

By the time you receive this issue, it will be in the third month of the new year. Already there would have been at least three major shows, and as many as the same auctions. It does not seem to me that the hobby is lacking in any intensity, rather it seems to be picking up speed toward a rather brisk and busy spring. For us Virginians, that would mean planning for the 400th Anniversary of Virginia's colonization. I have been in contact with a few of our member clubs and it seems all are endeavoring to create something special to mark the occasion. As many of my contacts relate, to specify what they are doing now may interfere with the climatic moment they hope to achieve; so I will not comment on any specifics at this time, rather wait for the moment when it arrives to celebrate.

A few issues ago, I with the approval of the VNA Board of Directors offered to assist any of our member clubs with projects that encouraged the passion of numismatics. That offer continues to stand well enforced by the club's officers: To offer financial assistance to member clubs regarding advertising for their shows, or any project that reaches out to attract the membership, whether it be for new members or those with substantial VNA experience. The VNA is working in such a manner with one of its member clubs already and I sincerely hope that is followed by others in the very near future. All it takes is a letter or an email to get the ball rolling, and I welcome the opportunity as your club's activities are very important to the hobby, as is the VNA's commitment to enrich the Commonwealth's numismatic community.

John C. Koebert

Editor's Corner -
Miscellanea

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia numismatists. I hope all of you are enjoying a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As I write this, I am in Indianapolis, IN, where the temperature is in the single digits (Fahrenheit) and where several inches of new snow recently closed the highways. They tell me it isn't much warmer in Virginia, so, it is most definitely WINTER.

We have a couple of interesting features for you in this issue. First, our former President, Col. Steve Ellsworth, reports on some of the best-secured coin shows of 2006. As many of you know, Col. Steve is a well-known expert on security, especially numismatic security matters.

A member, Sedge Moss, recently gave me his copies of a couple of very early issues of our journal, including one from before it was even called *The Virginia Numismatist*. We are reprinting page one of the second issue, which introduces the new VNA logo, which you saw on this issue's front cover.

Sedge is also an officer of our sister club, the very active Washington (D.C.) Numismatic Society, and that club is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2007. We also have a short piece commending our sister club for its long life and success.

My own collecting has been slow since the fall issue. I filled a couple of holes in my Silver Commemorative set at a recent show in Northern Virginia and bought a nice 1811 half cent that was a significant upgrade at the last Baltimore show.

Prices of many Early Type coins seem to have skyrocketed, so lots of those have come out of the woodwork in recent months. The market is truly brisk. Can it be sustained? Your guess is as good as mine – or better. For me, though I hope that my collection will appreciate in value, what I most appreciate about numismatics most are the study of the coins and the many friendships I have made in the hobby. Those are the real rewards for me. So my New Year's wish for each of you is for happy collecting. I hope you are enjoying your hobby and continuing to find it as rewarding as I do.

The Virginia Numismatic Association

proudly congratulates our sister and neighbor club

The Washington Numismatic Society

on the achievement of its 80th Anniversary

The WNS, founded in 1927, is one of the longest-standing coin clubs in America, meeting monthly in Northwest Washington, DC. The meetings feature interesting items from the collections of the members in a large display area and talks by a wide variety of specialists.

The club has hosted two American Numismatic Association conventions and had produced several ANA presidents. Many members have produced award-winning displays at major conventions.

The WNS officers are President Frank Palumbo, Vice-President Simcha Kuritzky, Secretary-Treasurer Rich Foley and Sedge Moss, Editor of the Newsletter. For membership information, contact Sedge Moss at (703) 979-2162.

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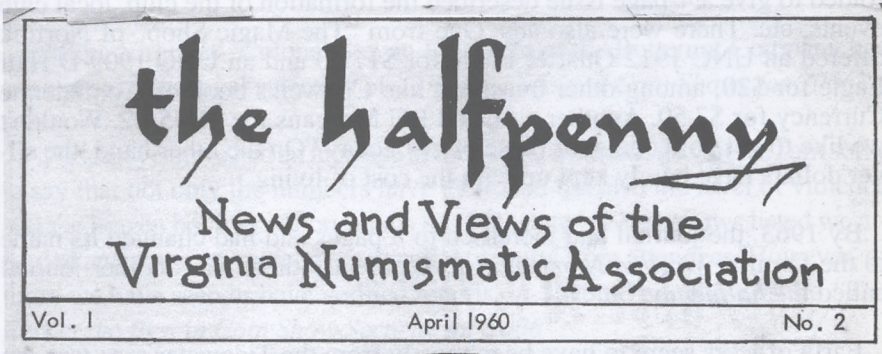
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The Great Seal of the Virginia Numismatic Association

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Your Editor was recently given a copy of the first and second issues of the VNA's journal, then called *the halfpenny* (in lowercase). The cover of that issue featured the newly-adopted seal of the VNA. Compare the original, hand-lettered seal with the current version on page 3. The new version features the Commonwealth in black instead of white, with a flying eagle to the upper left, and without the coin-like rim and border beads. Your editor would be interested to find out from someone who has been a member longer then he has when the seal was changed to its current

configuration.

Early issues, which were printed on both sides of an 8 1/2 x 11″ sheet and folded to give a 4-page issue described the formation of the club, local club events, etc. There were also ads. One from "The Magic Shop" of Norfolk offered an UNC 1912 Quarter Eagle for $17.50 and an UNC 1909 D Half Eagle for $20, among other treasures, like Criswell's book on Confederate Currency for $7.50. Another ad listed BU Morgans for $1.75-$2. Wouldn't we like to get gold coins for those prices, today? On the other hand, the silver dollars have barely kept up with the cost of living.

By 1963, the journal had increased to 8 pages and had changed its name to the familiar *Virginia Numismatist*. Apparently there was another journal called *the halfpenny*.

Early officers seem to have been mostly from the Tidewater area (see the page below, taken from issue #1 of *the halfpenny*). The VNA had its origins with a small group of 10 members of the Tidewater Coin Club of Norfolk, who met in July 1959 to discuss having a state coin convention. They did, and they invited the officers of all of the other state coin clubs to discuss setting up the VNA. And the rest, as they say, is history!

Officers elected for 1960 are:

President	Ernest M. Seneca, Jr.	Tidewater Coin Club
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It was decided that dues for each MEMBER CLUB would be Five dollars annually, and dues for individuals would be: Sponsor member - $2.00: Donor member - $5.00.

Your editor would very much like to hear from any of the early leaders and members of the club to find out how it has changed over the years. We would also like to learn of anything the club did that was better (or worse) in the early days.

Also, notice the price of the dues. A hefty $2 for an individual member. Those dues have gone sky-high to the princely sum of $10, though the cost of living has gone up far more than five-fold since 1959-60.

One thing has certainly not changed. I quote from the first issue: "If you have a NUMISMATIC article, we will PUBLISH IT FREE ... articles of interest, such as pet peeves, projects or rare 'finds'." We still want them all.

The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2006

Col. Steven Ellsworth

Clifton, Virginia—Colonel Steven Ellsworth of the Butternut Company has announced the annual selection of *"The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2006"*.

"This last year, we had an increase in robberies, in addition to thefts. I am sorry to say that not only the numbers have increased but also the level of violence and the brazen boldness of criminals have escalated. Most shows listed we attended and some we were given excellent reports from attendees. However, of those we have seen or have verified reports on, I would rate these as the *"The Best of the Best in Coin Show Security for 2006"*.

"This year's list we not only took into account the show security itself, but in addition the awareness and concern of the sponsors as it pertains to security" said Colonel Steven Ellsworth. "Our objective is always to keep a constant level of vigilance in security matters to help dealers and collectors manage the risks posed from theft", stated Ellsworth.

Ellsworth personally attended over 45 coin shows during 2006 where he pays particular attention and evaluates the kinds and types of security that are provided for both dealers and the public. In addition, he receives hundreds of reports from across the nation from coin dealers, collectors and crime incident reports.

1. **Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.** (Named for the 6th Year) Security is continual provided by off-duty uniformed Walker County Sheriffs & private security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees.

2. **Long Beach Coin Expo. Long Beach, CA.** (Named for a 6th Year) Security is provided by off-duty Long Beach Police with identifiable "Security" jackets. Ample security is provided in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with numerous plain-clothes officers continually working the floor from the moment the show opens until it closes. All security officers have are tied into a monitored communication net. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees.

3. **Tennessee State Numismatic Convention, Chattanooga, TN.** (Named for a 4th Year) Security is provided by off-duty uniformed East Ridge

Police. Security is excellent in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown. Additional security is placed in the loading areas during setup and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Uniformed officers keep a vigilant keeping an eye on the shows attendees' wile continuously walking the bourse.

4. **South Carolina Numismatist Convention, Greenville SC.** (Named for a 4th Year) Security is provided by South Carolina Constables and off duty South Carolina State Troopers. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown and is continuous during the show. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

5. **Florida United Numismatist Convention, Orlando, FL** (Named for a 3rd Year) Security is provided by a private security contractor and supplemented by numerous off-duty uniformed Orange County police. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Security is triple layered with uniformed, plan clothes and video surveillance. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

6. **North Carolina State Numismatic Association, Hickory, NC.** (Named for a 3rd Year) Off-duty uniformed Hickory police provide continual security. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. A registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Additional security is provided during setup and breakdown of the show.

7. **Trevose, PA**. (Named for a 3rd Year) Security is provided by off-duty plain clothes Philadelphia police. This show continues to have some of the best security for a small show in the country. Two officers are continually walking the area during the show and have kept the sticky fingers to a minimum. During setup and breakdown. Security is excellent and is present in the loading and parking areas.

8. **Charlotte Coin Club** (2nd Year named) Security is provided by off-duty uniformed Charlotte City police. Security is excellent in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. During breakdown, non-table holders are required to leave by show by security personnel. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

9. **Georgia State Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.** (Named for the 2nd Year) Security is continual provided by off-duty uniformed Walker

County Sheriffs, off duty GBI agents and private security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees.

10. **Fishersville, VA**. (2nd Year Named) Security is provided by off-duty plain clothes Augusta County Sheriff's deputies and court security personnel. Even though it is a small show with just 40 tables, two officers are present during the show and during setup and breakdown. Law enforcement personnel continually monitor the entrances, loading and parking areas.

11. **Denver Coin Expo. Denver, CO.** (2nd Year Named) Security is provided by private contact with ample ongoing training. Personal monitor loading areas during setup and breakdown and accompany dealers and collectors to there cars. The shows promoter is particularly aware of the shows security and vigorously pursues thieves. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees.

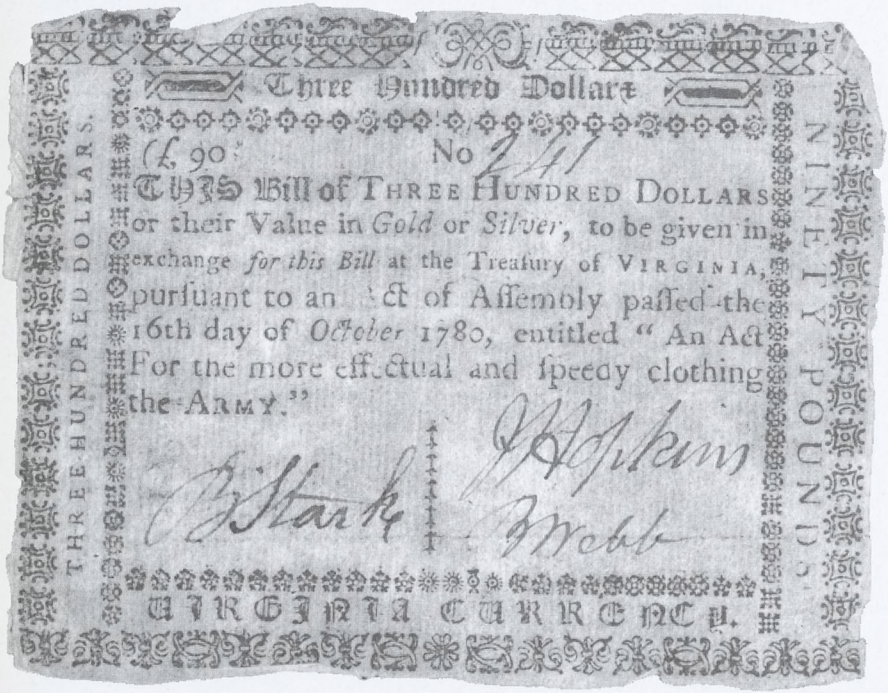
12. **Houston Money Show, Houston, TX.** Security is provided by off-duty Houston police. Loading and unloading is in a security area with security personal present. The shows promoter is particularly aware of the shows security and continually strives to improve the safety and security of all attendees. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

When asked what security measures he would like to see at shows Ellsworth said "the same as last year, better security presence during dealer setup and breakdown, not only on the bourse floor, but also in the parking and loading areas. It seems like most shows forget that dealers are most vulnerable during setup and breakdown and while loading their vehicles".

"And most important, security is each individual's own responsibility. It is up to professionals to continually train for the worst, and hope for the best. Most dealers simply ignore the risks and pretend they will not be a victim paying only minimal efforts to security by such ludicrous ideas of asking someone who also has no security training to "watch my coins". There are hardly any dealers I know who have taken the time or spent the money for serious security training which I take as there are really only a handful of dealers who have made the decision that they refuse to be a victim. " was Ellsworth's response.

Col. Steven Ellsworth is a retired Army Colonel with over 32 years of service. His many assignments include serving in the Army's elite Special Forces or Green Berets and in addition he has had assignments as a Physical, Intelligence and Communication Security Inspector. He has received highly specialized training in anti-terrorist, physical, intelligence and personal protective security. He currently is a full time coin dealer and collector and serves on a number of numismatic boards.

Colonel Ellsworth has written numerous articles on coin collector security over the last ten years. After receiving constant inquires from collectors and dealers as to what type of security they could expect when attending various shows throughout the country and overseas, Colonel Ellsworth began to recognize those shows that did an outstanding job providing security. This is the 6th year a list has been named. For more information, contact Colonel Steven Ellsworth, email; BUTTERNUT@Butternut.org Address; PO BOX 498, Clifton, VA 20124-0498. Website: www.Butternut.org.



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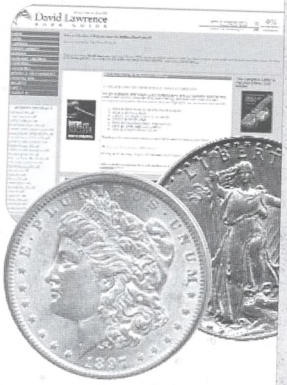

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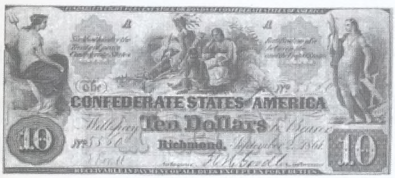

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President's Letter

John Koebert

One of the most satisfying feelings I can ever hope to experience is that of living during an event of immense importance such as the 400th Anniversary of Virginia's Founding. That day will soon be upon us all and in preparing for it, as you will read between the covers of this magazine, many Virginians are endeavoring to make it a lasting experience. I am certainly looking forward to being a part of every minute that I can make a contribution to its success.

As you may have read in the most recent past issues, the VNA Directors have attempted to reach out to our member clubs in order to further the passion of collecting coins and currency throughout the Commonwealth. I am proud to announce that two of our member clubs, the Alexandria Coin Club and the Rappahannock Area Coin Club, with VNA support, have each produced an encased Virginia state quarter to honor the event of the founding of the Virginia Colony.

I say BRAVO to both organizations for carrying out such a marvelous idea! You have my sincere thank you for demonstrating your passion for collecting and in sharing that with the collectors of our great state, Virginia.

John Koebert
VNA President

Editor's Corner -

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. As John says in his letter, and as I hope you will see elsewhere in this issue, it is a great and interesting time to be a Virginia numismatist. John's letter and mine are short, and this issue follows closely on the heels of our Winter issue for the very best of reasons. There is a lot to read this time!

First, this is the 400th anniversary of our Commonwealth, which has led to many events, numismatic and otherwise, which you can read about in the popular press. Fittingly, the major part of the celebration will take place in and around Jamestown, where the first English settlers built the fort that would grow into Virginia, the "Mother of Presidents". This issue features another of Thomas Kays' fascinating articles on numismatic history. This one focuses on coins and exonumia found on the site of the original fort. Then, there is a piece from Greg Parma about a new encased Virginia quarter project from the Alexandria Coin Club with support from the VNA. Lastly, we have a convention and show to announce (see page 4).

I hope you will be able to make some of the festivities in the Tidewater area and especially to see you at the VNA convention and show in early September.

Alexandria Coin Club Encased Quarter

Greg Parma

In a true cooperative venture, the Alexandria Coin Club in partnership with the Virginia Numismatic Association proudly unveiled its newly minted Custom Encased Coin. Produced this year to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the State of Virginia, this campaign primarily focused on bringing awareness to the club existence in the hope of increasing community membership. As the coin encasement concept and design moved forward, supporting factors regarding funding and sponsorship threatened the program progress. With a coin production plan in jeopardy, the VNA cast its support and assistance. With this VNA partnering, the campaign leaped ahead on schedule without any additional obstacles.

With membership approval of the uncirculated State of Virginia quarters, production by the Penny Press Mint, started in January. With ACC anxiously awaiting the arrival of the completed coins, they were presented to the membership at the ACC March meeting.

The encased coins sparkle in their newness and have pleasing eye appeal. Beautiful in design, each coin weighs about 10 grams, are approximately 2 mm in thickness, and measure about 39 mm in diameter thereby, slightly larger than a Silver Dollar. These dimensions size up nicely in creating a wonderful collector piece that will fit into existing commercially available presentation holders along with fitting nicely into a 2X2 holder to allow for easy storage.

The ACC hopes to present its coin to some of the local City of Alexandria officials in having them acknowledge the club's involvement with historical event through coins and its continued long-term presence within the community. Hopefully these separate events may get some written media coverage that may prompt interested Alexandria citizens to investigate ACC membership. Additionally, in like fashion to other coin clubs operating across the country that advertise their coin shows, custom coins/tokens, and other numismatic materials, the ACC plans to announce its handiwork and also indicate how others might obtain one of our ACC encased coins at a modest purchase price to interested collectors.

There was much involvement and gratitude goes to many who participated in one fashion or another. And….the ACC fully appreciates its helping hand support from the VNA in making these ACC custom encased coins…..a reality.

Jamestown - Four Centuries of Coins

Thomas Kays

Tercentennial Medal - Settlement of Jamestown

On Sunday, May 13th we celebrate Mother's Day! Britons and Americans may recall another anniversary of note this Mother's Day, that took place four hundred years ago. Three ships (pictured on the reverse of Virginia's state quarter) full of English settlers and adventurers disembarked into the swampy Tidewater wilderness on the far side of the Atlantic from their mother country. Queen Elizabeth had ruled England longer than the settler's living memory. Elizabeth, the "Virgin Queen" after whom this land of *Virginia* was named, died without heir, shortly before the settlers departed from England. James V of Scotland was proclaimed King James I of England in Elizabeth's wake. The first toehold in Virginia by Captain John Smith and company was proclaimed "James Fort" to honor their new king.

"James Towne" soon grew beyond the palisades of the first fort onto Jamestown Island. Jamestown soon relocated to a better-situated site, "New Town" by 1623. The abandoned "Old Town" site became overgrown and was ultimately misplaced by historians. In 1994, Dr. William M. Kelso rediscovered the whereabouts of the first James Fort (built circa 1607 – 1610). The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) - Jamestown Rediscovery has since been digging up artifacts from the first fort site including approximately one hundred money-related objects including English, Irish, Scottish, Swedish, Spanish, and later Dutch coins, *circa* (1560 to 1615) of silver and copper, and also tokens, coin weights, and jettons. Many of the coins are on display today by APVA Jamestown Rediscovery on site in their *Archearium* and on-line at the APVA Jamestown Rediscovery website.

The settlement of James Fort was memorable, but what sort of "first event" was this? Jamestown was not the first *European* settlement in the new world. Spain had long established cities in America, in thriving colonies such as "New Spain," whose capitol was Mexico City that had a mint in operation spanning back three generations before Captain John Smith stepped ashore. French and Spanish settlers had long struggled for ascendancy along the Atlantic coast of North America. Cities including Saint Augustine in Spanish *La Florida* had been settled since 1565. Saint Augustine served as the northerly jumping off point for Spanish treasure fleets sailing up the Atlantic coast heading back to Iberia. A French settlement further north at Amelia Island in 1565 set off local hostilities among European powers over control of the North American coast. Spanish missions spread along the coast as far north as the Chesapeake Bay by 1570.

New World Silver - Undated Early Series, Two Reales of King Charles and his Mother Johanna, minted at Mexico City circa 1538 – Early Spanish Colonial silver such as this may have traded from Spanish explorers and Jesuit Missionaries to the Powhatan Confederation tribes in the Tidewater long before English settlement.

Jamestown was not even the first *English* settlement in North America. Seasonal Newfoundland fishing settlements serviced French, Spanish, Portuguese and English fishing fleets. St. John's in Newfoundland was settled in 1527, during the reign of King Henry VIII. Sir Humphrey Gilbert founded St. John's Port in Newfoundland in 1583. Gilbert's half brother, Sir Walter Ralegh (now generally spelled Raleigh, though *he* never spelled it that way) aimed further south. In 1584 Fort Ralegh was built on Roanoke Island, located at a break in the barrier islands along the Outer Banks. Sir Walter Ralegh's colony mysteriously disappeared by time of arrival of the fifth re-supply expedition. All English ships had been detained by Queen Elizabeth to protect England from the Spanish Armada and certain invasion in1587 or 1588. No settlers were living there by 1590. The latitude of *Ralegh's Cittie* was the intended landing for the Jamestown settlers who missed their target.

Jamestown at its inception was not the only attempt at Virginia settlement. In its day, Jamestown was known as the "South Virginia Colony." King

James granted Virginia lands were to two companies in 1606. During its first two precarious decades, the Lord's Proprietors of the Virginia Company of London, a private corporation, would foot the bill if settlement of South Virginia failed. The Virginia Company of London competed with another company under George Popham, who aimed to settle North Virginia as far up as Newfoundland. St George's Fort was built along the Kennebec River by Popham in August 1607, being the twin of James Fort in South Virginia. Popham succeeded until a windfall inheritance of North Virginia's proprietor's induced the company to stop financing risky ventures in America after just two seasons of adventure.

Jamestown was not quite "continuously" settled. On June 7, 1610 the first settlers gave up. Few were happy with their sealed orders from the London Company that were opened upon arrival and named which gentleman among them would take charge. They could not agree and could not immediately appeal to London for resolution. They pulled up stakes, and abandoned Jamestown intending to resettle in less sickly climes up at Newfoundland. Sir Thomas Gates barely prevented the colonists from burning James Towne as they decamped and departed for the north. By an extreme stroke of luck, the next day Sir Thomas West, the Baron De la Warr (Delaware) and new Governor of South Virginia arrived within a tide or two of the Virginians' departure. Delaware sent word to the English ships he encountered of his arrival from England with supplies, and that he would meet the Virginians back in town. They had much to discuss.

Thus, Captain John Smith, setting foot on shore in South Virginia, on May 13, 1607 was memorable as the beginning of the first English settlement of an enduring nature in America marking the dawn of the British Empire. Rule Britannia!

Surprisingly, the most numerous numismatic objects dug at early Jamestown are not coins, nor are they of English origin, but rather come from Germany. Dozens of Nurnberg Jettons of Hans Krauwinckel II have been dug up at early Jamestown. Jettons are reckoning counters used to tabulate sums and do math in Roman numerals. Their time of loss may well span the entire era of the London Company of Virginia from 1607 – 1624 that ended when Sir Francis Wyatt became the first Royal Governor of the new Crown Colony of Virginia.

Hans Krauwinckel II (1586 – 1635), his privy mark is the six petal rose.

The most common copper *coins* found at early Jamestown are not English, but Irish. They do not depict King James, but rather Queen Elizabeth at the close of her reign.

Copper Jetton signed "Hanns Kravwinckel in Nvrenberg" - Hans Krauwinckel II made this jetton as one of a matched set of stock, Nurnberg reckoning counters contemporary to and popular in Elizabethan England – Many others like this nondug specimen have been found "mudlarking" the Thames in England. Specifically the reverse religious inscription "Gotes Segen Macht Reich" and other allegorical jetton types have been dug in excavation at early Jamestown.

Jettons illustrated on a Nurnberg copper "School Master" pfennig - circa 1500s - *Rechenmeister* standing diligently at work, well into the night, behind his counting table, with a lamp on the left, jettons scattered about, and a reckoning grid on the right. The reverse shows the Roman alphabet.

1601 Irish Copper Penny of Elizabeth I - trefoil star (Seaby #6510) – a common type of copper coin found at early Jamestown.

English "coin of the realm" must be made of gold or silver. English silver coin typically found at early Jamestown includes Elizabethan shillings, six pence, nicknamed "fiddlers," groats (four pence), three pence and three-half-pence. A (*circa* 1607-1609) James I silver half penny also turned up. Early Jamestown losses of Elizabethan silver (early series - *circa* 1560) would have fifty years of wear by 1610. Such coins circulated in England well into the 18th century being called into question during the currency reforms of Queen Anne in 1704. The amount of wear of English silver is a key indicator of what era they were lost. Thin silver routinely circulated for up to a century and a half.

Today at the Quadricentennial of the first landing at Jamestown we remember how quickly Jamestown grew and then grew too small. By

1582 Elizabeth six pence with Tudor Rose behind head – (fourth issue, sword privy mark, Seaby 2572) - of a type found in early Jamestown. Dug specimens often have severe numismatic damage from tooling into ornaments, holing, cutting, clipping, and from environmental and plough damage – A common practice for luck was to bend fiddlers into three, making a "crooked coin" just like the crooked man had in the nursery rhyme.

1611 the rising tide of English settlers traveled up river to better agricultural ground at Henricus. Soon new settlements flooded over James River's banks included Flowerdew Hundred, Bermuda Hundred, Martin's Hundred, and Smythe's Hundred. By 1634 King Charles eased the burden of the royal tax collector who had difficulty in the collections department over such a wide area of uncooperative plantations by chartering new city centers and ordering the construction of Government Houses to administer to the needs of the fledgling British Empire. James City and Charles City were chartered little more than a quarter century after the first landing. Coins lost in the ground at Jamestown and its Tidewater surroundings now span every era in Virginia history. Coins from the Virginia Company of London, the British Crown Colony of Virginia, the Tobacco Colony of Virginia after the Capitol moved to Williamsburg in 1699 to the end of British rule in 1775, and the ages after, during the Commonwealth of Virginia, under Continental Congress, Federal, State, Confederate and Federal Government again may lie one atop the other in Virginia.

Worn but not dimmed - Queen Elizabeth & Tudor Rose – *Rosa sine spina.*

So this Mothers Day - Remember your mother. And remember too Virginia's Mother England. Jamestown's birth at the foundation of British Empire will be honored by a royal visit from Queen Elizabeth II in 2007 in homage to Queen Elizabeth I, a Tudor "Rose without thorns," "the Virgin Queen," hence the name "Virginia," who set in motion worldwide ambitions of a seafaring island nation at the edge of the western sea. It's the least we Virginians can do to commemorate a century and a half of British rule at our Commonwealth's infancy.

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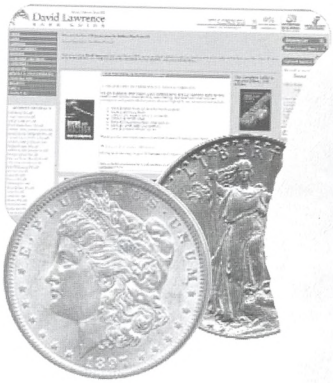

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

With this summer issue, I hope all of you are doing well and making plans for summer vacations... You know, those weeks of fun and relaxation that are mostly non-numsimatically involved? They may be days spent at the beach catching some rays, or at a mountain lake resort catching trout. Either case, after a couple of days, it becomes apparent that something is missing. We work mighty hard those other 50 weeks of the year, saving up enough to finally get that one coin we've been wanting (for years and years it seems), only to plunk it all down on reservations near the water.

Well, hope is on the horizon, for just past that summer holiday to end all summer doldrums, is the show of shows! Of course, I am speaking of the ***49th Annual VNA Coin & Collectibles Show****, being held again (by popular demand!!!) at the Northern Virginia Community College campus in Annandale on September 7th – 9th. I'm talking free admission, doors prizes, a raffle, a room full of dealers (with great deals!) and coins, currency, coins, currency, coins!! What could be more fun?*

In addition to the above, we are also planning some exhibits, so that all of us could learn a little more about the hobby we love. If you would like to share in the exhibit arena, please feel free to email me at ***johnnyck@verizon.net****. I would be pleased to discuss and help you plan what you would like to show. Last year, we had three exhibits and there seemed to be lots of room for many more.*

We will also have meeting space for any of the local clubs to get together for a chat. Last year, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of Early American Coppers met during the show and I am looking forward to having them again.

With that said, I am hopeful that summer goes by quickly...at least enough so that I can see you all at the ***49th****.*

Are we there yet?

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Editor's Corner - History and Decisions

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. As an otherwise forgotten poet said, "summer is icummin in"! This being Virginia, that means the heat is on. I confess that though summer is not my favorite season, I got a lot of gardening done in the spring, so my wife and I should have a nice display of flowers this season.

This issue hightlights shows – our own annual show to come in September and a new series of shows at the Dulles Expo Center. Our last issue celebrated the 400th anniversary of our Commonwealth, and I hope many of you were able to attend at least part of the celebration. I did not make it to the Tidewater area, but I was able to attend some of the special events in Northern Virginia.

Recent issues have also highlighted the history of our club, which is now 48 years young. Jim Ruehrmund, former editor of this journal and a charter member of the club, emailed me in response to a request for information about charter members of the VNA who are still members. He reports that to the best of his knowledge, he, Reed Walton of Hampton and Doug Spencer of Harper's Ferry are the only three remaining since the passing of Joanne Klotz of Norfolk in 2006. Reed is reported to be doing well after a heart attack and triple-bypass surgery in May. In 2009, we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a club, and I hope to see all three of them at the show!

My own collection has continued to grow, as you will see elsewhere in this issue, but I wanted to mention one acquisition here. From the auction at a recent meeting of the Alexandria Coin Club, I picked up a complete set of Lincoln cents from 1941 to 1974, nearly all of which are choice, red UNCs. I realize that such things are common, but this is one of those sets that I had always had in mind to get, but just hadn't, and the price was right. I already had two, full "penny boards" sets that I had gotten from circulation back in the late '50s and early '60s. But, of course, most of those were neither uncirculated nor red (except for the ones that I "fixed" with an eraser, back in the day!). So, that brings me to another decision: do I want to pursue the early Lincolns beyond what I have had since junior high? I've never owned a 1909 S-VDB, and my 1922 Plain is Die Pair 1, so there are still two holes, but the quality is all over the place, from a couple of choice, original, red UNCs to a couple of AGs. That is what my current aesthetics would call an accumulation, not a collection. How do I make it into a "collection"? Much as I'd love to have a complete set in gem, red UNC, that would be prohibitively expensive. A matched set of RB UNCs is probably prohibitively difficult to find. How about a set of choice, brown UNCs? That's within the realm of possibility. Or how about that elusive matched set in XF? Hmm. Or, maybe, my goal was only the late set in red UNC. I guess this is (yet) another collection issue that will require thought over a period of time.

I wish all of you a great summer, and while you're on your family vacation, don't forget to check out that little coin shop you drive past. There may be something to cherrypick!

New Dulles Coin & Currency Expo a Success

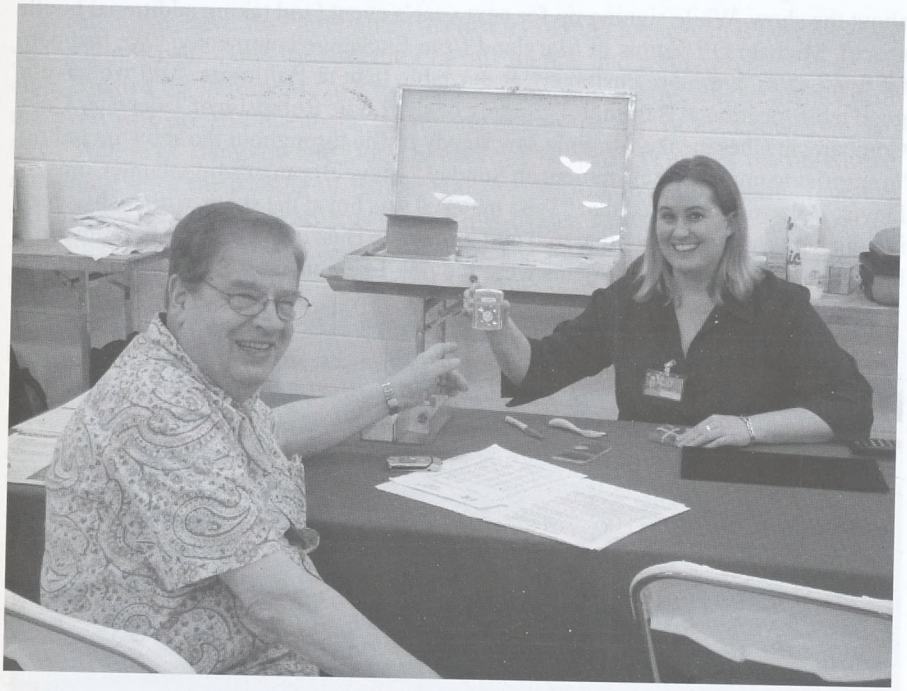
The first annual Dulles Coin & Currency Expo was held May 17-20 at Dulles Expo & Conference Center just minutes from Washington Dulles International Airport in the nation's capital. The four-day event began with dealer set up on Thursday followed by three full days of public admission on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Area collectors came out in support of the new show in large numbers with over 1,000 guests visiting during the three public days. Included were many area collectors who had never been to a coin show that took advantage of the free admission and free parking to experience a coin show for the first time.

Attending dealers reported strong retail sales with several being very enthusiastic about the show. While signing up for next year's event (and taking additional booth space), Michael O'Higgins of Maryland Coin Exchange commented "We had better retail sales and more customers at our table than at Baltimore. And we have a good table location at Baltimore!" Supply dealer Eddie Robinson of Tidewater Coin Company in Chesapeake, Virginia saw steady traffic throughout the show including "a surprising number of customers on Sunday." Steve Bryan of MidAtlanticCoins of Dover, Delaware observed that "Type material was hot at the show, with many seeking out better grade Barber material and mid grade Bust coins. For the first time in a long time, common date Morgans were moving like hotcakes." After seeing heavy

The first annual Dulles Coin & Currency Expo was held May 17-20 at the Dulles Expo Center just minutes from Washington Dulles International Airport near Washington DC.

bullion sales on Friday followed by additional strong retail coin sales on Saturday, Bob Bruce of All American Coin Company in Pensacola, Florida lamented not being able to stay through Sunday having previously made arrangements to be elsewhere. "In proceeding month's the rare coin market had retracted and slowed but you could did not find that in evidence this weekend. The buying and selling was hot and the show was on fire!"

Austin, Texas based ANACS was also in attendance at the show taking submissions and handing out sample slabs to visiting young numismatists. Traci Poole, ANACS Customer Service Manager, was pleased with the show as well noting that: "The Dulles Coin and Currency Expo was an excellent show. The promoters did a great job of advertising the show, which made it very successful for us. We will certainly be at next year's show."



Show promoter Paul Singleton and Traci Poole of ANACS admire the sample slabs ANACS created for the event.

Dealers and collectors alike were pleased with the show location and convention facility. The Dulles Expo & Conference Center is the second largest exhibit hall in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Located just six miles south of Washington Dulles International Airport, this 240,000 square foot facility offers over 2,400 adjacent free parking spaces. An on-site, full-service, 233-room hotel complements the over 12,000 airport area rooms that also serve attendees and exhibitors of the Expo Center. Tidewater's Robinson was particularly enthusiastic about the new venue noting in a message on the dealer FACTS network the following Monday that

he was "back from a GREAT show at the Dulles Expo Center – the first of hopefully many shows at this venue. [There is] plenty of free parking for everyone. The hall is huge – plenty of room for expansion – easy access for loading/unloading. I, personally, was skeptical at first. I didn't realize this place even existed – but Paul

Dealers Jason Zeibel, Bob Bruce and Daryl Spelbring with a collection of obsolete and confederate currency bought at the show.

Singleton and Wayne Herndon did a FABULOUS job of promoting, advertising, and managing this initial show."

Several dealers without tables took advantage of the easy access to the show to make quick day trips in to visit the show when it opened on Friday. Similarly, the show's proximity to downtown Washington, DC makes a side trip to the monuments and museums in the nation's capital very feasible. Traveling further than any other attendee was Mountain View, California dealer Wei T. Chang. Chang walked the bourse on Friday before heading downtown for the weekend. Chang found the trip practical given "the Dulles Expo Center is convenient to Washington Dulles International Airport" and the trip could be combined with a weekend visit to the Smithsonian.

Event organizers, Paul Singleton and Wayne Herndon were also very pleased with the show. Singleton noted the only downside was "a date that conflicted with three other sizeable shows that reduced dealer attendance and wholesale activity." Herndon added that: "even when it came apparent that we were not going to get the level of dealer participation we had hoped for, we stuck to our advertising and promotion program to assure strong collector attendance."

"Dealer attendance definitely was hurt by three other fairly large shows being held on the same weekend," said Julian M. Leidman of Bonanza Coins in Silver Spring, Maryland. "The fact that next year's show has already been scheduled for a time that normally does not conflict with other shows will further add to the dealer base that attends. I definitely feel that the show has an enormous amount of potential. There were interested buyers on all three days. I believe that in a few years the show will see two hundred, maybe as much as three hundred tables. The public will definitely respond positively."

Andy Skrabalak of Angel Dee's Coins and Collectibles had a similar assessment. "The show has all the characteristics needed for a successful show: The Dulles Expo Center has a great location that is minutes from a major airport, convenient to many hotels/motels that offer shuttle services to/from the airport, many restaurants nearby and the lure of the nation's capital."

Singleton and Herndon are already working on next year's event scheduled for April 24-27, 2008. For additional details about the show, see the show's website at www.DullesCoinExpo.com or call Paul Singleton at 703-932-9568. Singleton and Herndon also coordinate the bi-annual Annandale Coin Show in Annandale, Virginia (www.AnnandaleCoinShow.com).

Meeting Collecting Goals – What Then?

Bill Eckberg

One of the great things about collecting coins – or anything else, I suppose – is that the goals are always personal. Nobody can tell you what to collect or in what condition. Some people want a "*Red Book*" set of whatever series tickles their fancy. Others want a date set. Still others want an example from each Mint facility that struck a particular denomination or type. Some want a set of State quarters, gotten from change. A wealthy few may not be satisfied without a truly legendary and spectacular coin, such as an 1804 dollar or 1913 Liberty Head nickel. Then there are the grade levels. Do you need MS65, "investment grade" gold coins? Are you interested in collecting a Registry Set of Two- or Three-cent pieces? Are you more interested in the assigned grade or the quality of the actual coin? Are you looking for nice, circulated coins? Do you want to try putting together a nicely matched set of XF Indian cents or Buffalo nickels. If an XF Buffalo must have a full horn, can the latter set *ever* be had? Or are you putting together a complete set of recently issued PROOFs from the US Mint? Fortunately, there are no hard and fast rules for putting together collections. We all set our own goals. Your decisions are up to you.

But, every collection should have a goal of some kind, and goals should be realistic – they should not be so high that they can never be met. Therefore, there always has to come a time when a collector has met his or her goal. What do you do when your collection is "complete"?

I have "completed" three collections, in the sense that I met my collecting goals, or at least got as close to them as I reasonably expected to. The first was my first collection of half cents. No, I didn't have all 99 "official" varieties, though I did own at least one example from each date that was not PROOF-only. The problem with that collection was that the grades and conditions of the coins were not consistent, so it was more of an "accumulation" than a "collection". Plus, the time came that I needed money. So, I sold it at auction, saving a small number of pieces that I either didn't think I would be able to replace at anything like a reasonable price or had owned for too short a time to let them go. Did I get rich? No, but I about broke even after collecting for only 5 years. I figured I'd had 5 years of great fun, and almost for free. I did not stop collecting half cents. I had just completed THAT collection.

The second set I completed is one that readers of *The Virginia Numismatist* know about. It is my Peace dollar set. That was to be a set of attractive UNCs, with the

Lightly toned, NGC MS64 1921 Peace Dollar from the author's collection.

exception of the too-expensive 1934-S. A very nice AU filled that hole. That set now sits in an album on a shelf, to be viewed occasionally.

The third set is my "second" collection of half cents. I have been going for a particular quality level and "look" for this collection. That meant I have not been interested in acquiring the great rarities that are unobtainable or coins that are obtainable but prohibitively expensive in attractive condition, such as the 5-figure 1796 With Pole variety. That collection had one last "hole" in it for over three years: the 1795 Cohen 1, (the Lettered Edge, With Pole in *The Red Book*). It is a "semi-common" variety by half cent standards, with about 500-600 examples known. I had passed on several, looking for "the right one", but had gotten frustrated over time, as the prices for the XF and better examples of early coppers were driven to the 5-figure stratosphere and beyond by the dreaded and evil type collectors (you KNOW who you are). Well, this spring I got one. It wasn't the XF example I really wanted, but it is VF, and very smooth and attractive, with nice light-brown color. Plus, my beloved wife bought it as a birthday present for me. How could I NOT add it?

The 1795 half cent that "completed" my collection.

So, my collection now has an example of all of the varieties I intended it to have. It is complete. What do I do now? I'm not ready to sell; that day will come, but it hasn't yet. There are still a few examples that I'd like to upgrade (I would like to own a true XF 1795, for example) and lots of interesting die states that I don't have. Half cent collectors inevitably get obsessed with die states. There is one variety of the famous 1804 Spiked Chin that is relatively common, but comes in about 20 recognizably different die states. I currently own about fourteen of them and am actively hunting at least two more. There are three other reverse dies that come with the Spiked Chin obverse, and a total of 23 recognized die states among those, of which I currently own about half. Realistically, getting most of the rest would be a challenge that could take me several more years and probably wouldn't cost all that much.

Perhaps, this is the answer. My goal has changed. (My therapist wife tells me everyone needs to grow and change from time to time.) Like life, collecting is an evolutionary process, and our collections need to evolve from one attainable goal to the next to keep up a healthy and active interest.

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

It is now officially fall and that means another VNA Coin & Collectibles show has come and gone. I remember distinctly the feelings I had on the first and last days of the show, the exhilaration one has at the beginning of a great party and the emptiness that comes when everyone is gone. But I make up for the latter in knowing that a good time was had by all, especially me, and I will remember this show for a long time to pass.

I will remember the number of attendees was 432, and number of dealers was 43. Those numbers were on a par from the previous year, making our show a success from the standpoint of consistency. We also were fortunate to have 8 new members join the club, many of whom are dealers from outside Virginia.

More than just numbers, however, I will remember the nice comments we (the VNA officers) had from dealers and attendees, how they appreciated the exhibits and the fact that we had brought back door prizes and a raffle. We had 17 door prize winners and 2 raffle winners. Congratulations to David Underwood (a new VNA member) and Paul Singleton. David won the $5 Gold Grand Prize and Paul took the silver dollar and VA Treasury note.

I personally would like to thank Bill Eckberg, Red Henry, Clay Everhart and Darrell Tyler for taking command of the registration desk. I also thank Darin Coker for the fine job he did as Bourse Chairman and Paul Singleton for always being counted on for support. Both are VNA pillars of strength, and without them, the show could not have been a success.

Next year we are having our 50th Anniversary Coin Show and Convention in the Capitol City, Richmond, with the Richmond Coin Club as our host. It is already promising to be a Capitol event, with more of everything a collector can expect at a major coin show convention. The plans are already set and getting ready to jump into high gear.

Can't wait!

John Koebert
VNA President

Editor's Corner

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. The trees in Northern Virginia are starting to turn, and the stores and markets are filled with pumpkins despite the continuing drought conditions. It sure hasn't felt like it, but this can only mean that fall is upon us, despite the fact that we have set record high temperatures above 90° for each of the past three days!

This issue hightlights our own annual show in September and some coins found at and near the location of Virginia's second city, not quite 400 years old. For reasons you'll find in the article, I am not naming it here, but I'm sure you can go there with a lot less hooplah than there was at Jamestown last May. We also have a few pictures of the VNA show last month, which was a great success. As John Koebert reports, next year's show will be in Richmond. We hope the more central location will help the show draw even more collectors and dealers than we have had in recent years, but I am delighted at the number of new members who joined there. Finally, we have a short review of an unusual book that I received a while back.

After much anticipation, I received my Jefferson First Spouse gold $10 coins. They were as difficult to order as you have heard, and I can't decide whether I prefer the Proof or the UNC. Both are beautiful. It's great to see the Draped Bust design appear again, and, I hope, they will appreciate in monetary value in proportion to the aesthetic value that I appreciate.

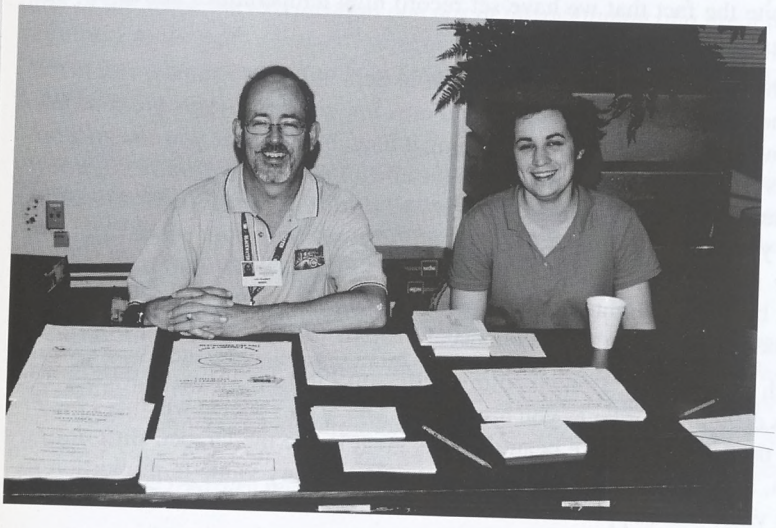
I did pick up one interesting piece at the VNA Show. Like last year, I had not intended to buy anything that weekend, but once again, like last year, there was something irresistable. This time it was at the table of Baltimore error coin dealer, Glen Burger, and it is MOST unusual – a blank planchet for a 1793-5 half cent, pictured here. Half cent blank planchets are exceedingly rare. Glen claimed that he has only handled one before this one, and I've no doubt of that. Most specialists (your humble servant included) had never even seen one until another was displayed at the Early American Coppers show last spring. The occasional find of a ***real treasure*** like that is one of the ***many*** joys that I get from numismatics, and I hope you get equal pleasure from your hobby.

Please note that I have a new mailing address. You can find it on page 3 and on page 20 of this issue.

Cheers,

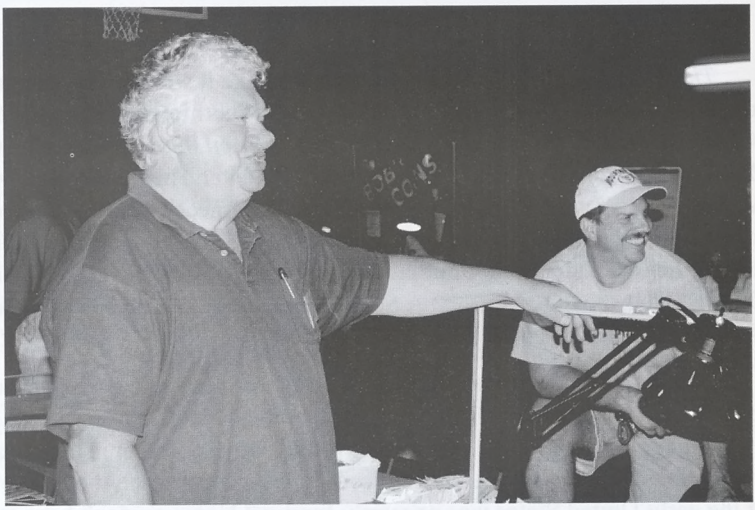
Bill Eckberg

Pictures From the Virginia Numismatic Association's Annual Convention and Show, Annandale, VA, September 2007

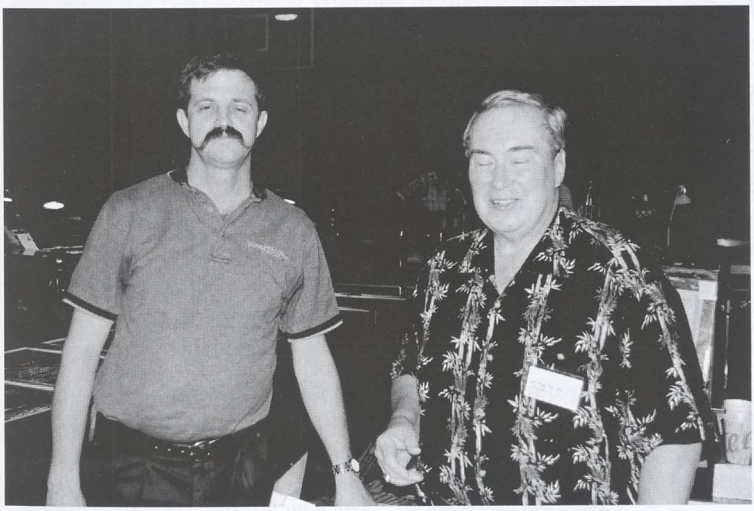


VNA President John Koebert mans the welcome table, ably assisted.

Dealer Bill Porter (right) shows a coin to an interested customer.



Dealer Terry Hess (foreground) and show promoter Darren Coker share a laugh on the bourse floor.



Dealers Wayne Herndon (left) and Glen Burger (right).

Review: *The Macuquina Code* by Agustín García-Barneche

Bill Eckberg

The Macuquina Code sounds from its title like it will be a mystery novel, but it has little in common with *The DaVinci Code*. Its subtitle, *A numismatic and Spanish colonial translator for collectors, dealers, traders and shipwreck treasure enthusiasts*, should set straight any misunderstanding on that matter. This 92-page, soft-cover book, written by Virginia specialist, Agustín García-Barneche, addresses problems with understanding the inscriptions, *etc.*, of Spanish colonial coins. The Spanish colonial dollar provides the basis for our current dollar, so these coins are very important to United States monetary history. A macuquina, for those who haven't read the book, is a cob, a hammered coin of irregular shape.

Unless you collect Spanish colonial and shipwreck coinage, why should you be interested in this book? Well, do you avoid foreign coins because you are intimidated by language problems involved in reading their inscriptions or in understanding auction listings? Should you stay away from foreign coins when the coin-of-the-realm of the early United States was primarily foreign? Now you don't have to.

The first half of the book is a dictionary of about 1,500 Spanish numismatic terms and their English translations; the second half gives the corresponding English terms and their Spanish translations. The reader is, therefore, able to translate terms either way. It also identifies many of the terms as numismatic, auction-related, heraldic or obsolete from the colonial period.

I found the book very interesting and useful. It opens up possible new collecting interests for me, and that is always a good and useful thing to do. I have only two minor quibbles. First, it would have been useful to give the mintmarks their own entries in the Spanish-English side. There they are only listed after the name of the city (*e.g.*, Santo Domingo = SP – SD). However, looking from the English-Spanish side under "Mint Mark", you find each city and its mint marks listed in alphabetical order. Second, there are some instances where some sense of context would have been helpful. For example, I don't know Spanish, but I suspect that the words lema, mote and divisa are not exactly synonymous, but each is translated as "motto".

I recommend this book for anyone who collects Spanish or colonial coins or who would like to know more about these important pieces of American history. Further information is available from www.RealTreasures.com or from Historic Real Treasures, PO Box 606, Great Falls, VA 22066.

The Macuquina Code by Agustin Garcia-Barneche can help you understand the meaning of the inscriptions on Spanish Colonial coins such as this 2 Real cob.

Second City in Virginia Also Plans 400th Anniversary of Its Founding

By Tom Kays

Jamestown's 400th birthday celebration is history. Modern day Jamestown Rediscovery and Virginia tourism hit the perfect exacta with visits from both HRM Queen Elizabeth II & Prince Philip, followed by the President & Mrs. Bush over a very busy week. Dr. William Keslo, Jamestown's re-discoverer received a long and well earned, standing ovation as he talked to the crowds later Saturday afternoon after the VIPs departed about his digs. Coined at Jamestown, we have the new catchphrase "every American should stand here once." Another Irish copper was unearthed amidst the hubbub, so you need to revisit Jamestown often to keep up with newly unearthed numismatic treasures. If you missed the party, fear not, for the second successful English city, founded in Virginia, soon after the original James Fort was completed, stands ready to welcome you in an equally joyous, though perhaps more modest, celebration of their quadricentennial, just four years from now.

In 1611 three Spaniards washed up on the beach at Old Point Comfort under secret orders to spy out English settlements in Virginia. Fitted with a shallop capable of sailing far up rivers and small creeks, they were captured before they got too far in strategic mapping. Held as spies by the English colonials, King Philip III of Spain inquired after their welfare; knowing of their capture the King was primed to loose more discrete military scouts to reconnoiter the English holdings. Sir Thomas Dale sought to hedge Virginia Company of London's bet on Jamestown, by looking far up river, for another building site. He wanted a deepwater anchorage, well inland, away from easy naval bombardment along that exposed and mosquito-ridden Fort James shore. This next site must serve as a defensive retreat should hostile forces decide to remove Jamestown from the map, as European powers struggled for dominion over the heretofore Spanish Atlantic coast. Thomas Dale chose his second site at a great horseshoe bend, a few miles below the falls, about as far up the James River as 17th century oceangoing vessels could conveniently go. He chose a deep spot near bluffs where ships could anchor by ropes tied to trees to ensure the ships' crews could maintain control of their sole means of escape. Militarily secure from surprise by canoes of native combatants or organized Spanish naval cutting-out expeditions that would spell disaster should hostiles get betwixt ship and shore, this second English "wild west" city, after Jamestown, would logically be named for the eldest son of King James. Extra Virginia history points to you if you can name the place now from just these few clues.

Captain John Smith extensively explored up and down nearby rivers and approaches to Jamestown in 1607. The Captain's maps and scouting reports were well remembered and documented by the colonists. Today we can stand about where Captain Smith stood, reconnoitering much the same landscape, by following the new

water trail & auto tour, the "Oxbow Loop South," extending half a day's journey by small watercraft. See www.johnsmithtrail.org for more tour directions. Sited in modern day Chesterfield County, in the Dutch Gap Conservation Area, our second English city of Virginia was planted 80 miles up from the mouth of the James River. Sir Thomas Dale and 300 settlers set about in 1611 to establish *Henricopolis* or the "Cittie of Henricus" named in honor of King James' eldest, (*Henricus* in Latin) for Henry the Prince of Wales. Today a historical park at Henricus has begun to re-create structures from this second successful English settlement that burned in 1622. Henricus is noted for the first English hospital in Virginia, and holds the first English charter for a college in America from 1619 "for the training and bringing up of infidels' children to the true knowledge of God and the undertakings of righteousness." Henricus also boasts a somewhat famous inhabitant, John Rolfe, who first cultivated tobacco plants to support his own smoking habit, popular in England since Sir Walter Raleigh's day and thereby began growing the most valuable export commodity of early Virginia. You may also remember John Rolfe's even more famous wife, the young Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan, who married Rolfe in 1614 and lived thereabouts. For more information about future events contact the Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, Chester, Virginia 23836.

Figure 1. Undated English six pence of Charles I found at Varina, Virginia. Believed to be Seaby type #2802, this coin shows the Aberyswyth double arch crown with lyre cross ends and Large "VI" with Tun and Anchor mark from the Tower Mint of London minted *circa* 1636 – 1639. This "fiddler" is clipped and bent, weighs 2.8 grams, and exhibits perhaps half-a-century of wear and hard usage before loss. It was cleaned after recovery.

Henricus has not enjoyed the fame of being first, nor has it had the extensive archeological rediscovery and VIP visitors that Jamestown heralds, thus I can show you no collections of early 17th century coins on display in "archearium-quality" splendor that come directly from Henricus. Dozens of early coins must still lie underfoot, deposited deep in Henricus' branch of the bank of *Mother Earth*. Interesting, later 17th century archeological finds do turn up in the vicinity. Three nearby early sites include Osbourne, where John Smith stopped to ask directions from the Arrohateck

Indians, and the plains of Varina, named by John Rolfe for the best type of Spanish tobacco – *varinas*. Both sites lie within three water miles of old Henricus. Henricus is also about five miles from Bermuda Hundred, being another of Sir Thomas Dale's growing James River settlements. Bermuda Hundred has well-documented archeological sites.

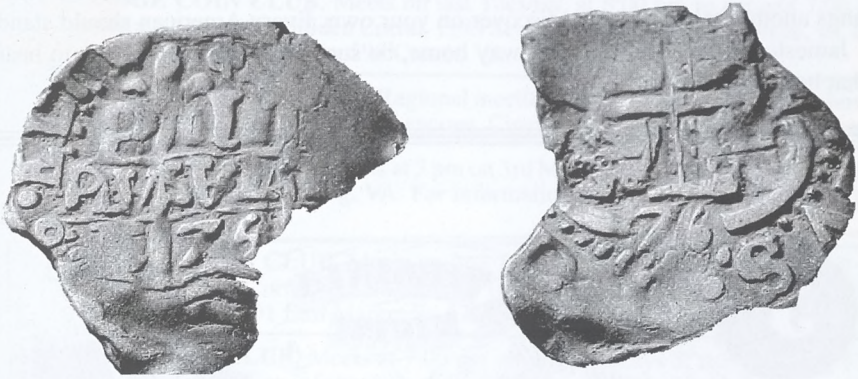


Figure 2. 1676 Potosi, Bolivia one *real* cob of Spain's King Charles II, with two readable 2-digit dates, two mint marks "P", one denomination "1", and one mint assayer's mark "E." An upside-down and oversized "A" was used for "V" of *Vltra*. This *macaroni piece* weighs 1.3 grams and was found at Osbourne near Henricus. As old as 1676 may seem, this coin was lost nearly a full century after Henricus' founding in the early 17th century.

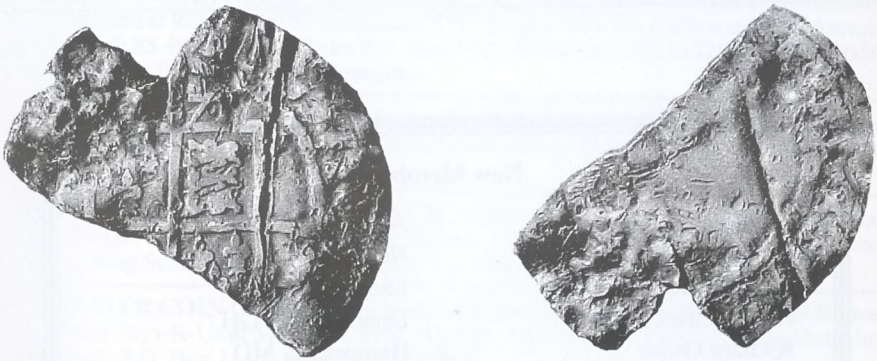
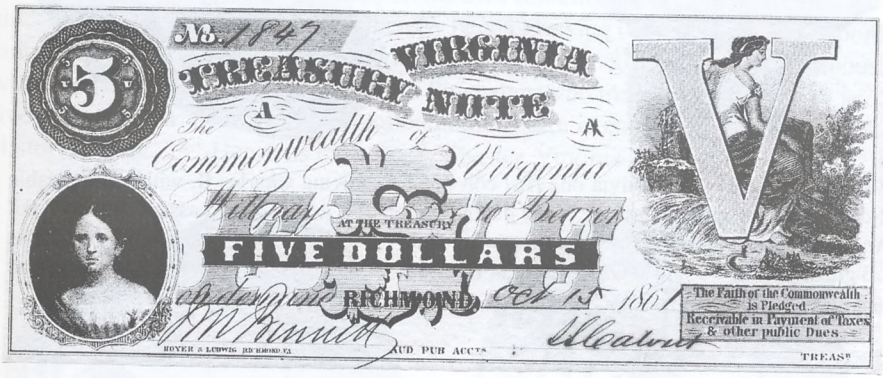


Figure 3. 1571-dated, English six pence of Queen Elizabeth I, found near Bermuda Hundred. This hammered silver coin is believed to be the third issue, medium bust, with "Castle" mark (not visible) from the Tower Mint of London. It may have been holed at 6:00 o'clock, with the hole pulled out through the rim. The coin was unevenly cut in half from 8:00 - 1:00 o'clock and has a second cut 3/4 of the way through from 4:00 - 12:30. The obverse shows "E" and "H" of ElizabetH with full rims unclipped. The reverse shows a full 15"71" two digit date, and has a clear shield center with "Regina" in the legend. Plow damage has reduced the weight to 1.4 grams. Perhaps fifty years of wear place it in the ground quite early for Bermuda Hundred activity. Artifacts kept near the surface in the plow zone deteriorate after every scrape of the blade. This coin would be in pieces had it remained in continuously cultivated soil.

I would not look to see the Queen of England or the President of the United States celebrating in Henricus in 2011, but perhaps a small watercraft trip of your own about the area might be just the ticket for you to enjoy a historical site, not as well "discovered" as Jamestown. Some little excitement during the Civil War happened there too. It seems a fleet of Confederate Ironclad vessels are still holed up near the bluffs, being the farthest deepwater access up the James, but therein hangs another tale for you to discover on your own. Every American should stand in Jamestown once. But on your way home, be sure and stop by Henricus to hear what happened next.



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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

It has been a few months since our last issue and a lot has transpired. First, I commend George Cash and the Richmond Coin Club for stepping up and organizing the next VNA convention. They are both doing an awesome job and I am looking forward to participating in what is going to be a truly great event for 2008. So far, in addition to a room full of dealers specializing in everything numismatic, there is also to be exhibits, lectures on coinage in general and an auction! They are doing their best to make this the state's main attraction, so get ready to attend and have a great time.

Second, our Treasurer, Darrell Tyler, has been called to duty overseas for a few months. I would like to wish him the best of luck and assure him that he will be in the thoughts and prayers of all in the VNA. We certainly look forward to his return later in the year.

Lastly, I am in need of calling to attention a matter of great importance to the VNA, its present officers and all members. We, as a state organization, are in dire need of those individuals who find the club a most important part of their numismatic culture. Having been Treasurer for two years, Secretary for 2 years and President for 3 years, I know by experience how important it is that each of these positions be filled by someone who desires to give time to their hobby outside of personal interest; and by giving to the VNA a bit of leadership that encourages the passion of collecting through interaction. That is how the VNA can continue to grow.

Therefore, I will be requesting a general election of officers as a formal event for the upcoming convention. I myself will be stepping down as President, and immediately assuming the office of the Past President. That means of course that I am not totally stepping out...I will still be around to help out at the conventions, the exhibits and all that our state club can offer.

So for now... it's on with the show!

John Koebert

New Members

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Mark Benvenuto	Royal Oak, MI
Dennis McClevey	Stafford, VA
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Editor's Corner

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. Welcome to the winter issue of *The Virginia Numismatist*. This issue is a little late as I had been hoping we would have more to report, but submissions have been pretty thin the past few months. I hope that YOU will send me an article for our journal. As I write this, the crocuses are blooming in my front garden, so winter is on the way out. I hope the membership will get it before the beginning of spring, and I also hope that the next issue comes sooner because we get articles more quickly.

The biggest piece of information in this issue is the announcement of the 2008 VNA Convention and show. In response to requests to locate the show more centrally in the commonwealth, I am happy to note that it will be held in Richmond. Thanks to George Cash and the Richmond Coin Club for chairing the bourse and hosting the show, respectively. Readers will also note a large announcement for the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association's show a couple of weeks before ours. They and we have agreed to promote each other's shows, reciprocally. We hope that this will bring more collectors and dealers to each program.

The VNA Convention and show will also be important for the election of new officers. We will need to elect a new President, Treasurer and Secretary. As you know, the Secretary position has been vacant for some time. The Treasurer's position has just become vacant due to Darrell Tyler's recent posting to the Middle East, as John Koebert announced in his President's Letter. Unfortunately, John is going to have to give up his position due to new professional responsibilities, though he will continue to be a very active and productive member.

I am delighted that we can offer another contribution by Tom Kays, this time on Abraham Lincoln. Tom's pieces continue to be wonderful contributions to our journal.

This issue also hightlights news of the recent purchase of one of the first slabbing companies by a well-known Virginia coin dealership and regular *Virginia Numismatist* advertiser.

My own collecting program has migrated a little since I last wrote. I have rather tentatively started collecting Standing Liberty quarters. A dealer friend had come upon a nice group of fully-original, raw examples at the Baltimore show last fall, and I ended up with three of the coins: 1924-D, 1926-D and 1928-D. I picked them as the sharpest examples. You will see in a future issue what my views are on the value of full striking, as opposed to full "heads", in this series.

Please note that I have a new mailing address. You can find it on page 3 and on page 24 of this issue.

Bill Eckberg

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David Lawrence Rare Coins (DLRC) recently announced, in a letter from DLRC President John Feigenbaum that was posted on the PCI website, that they have completed the acquisition of PCI and are currently in the process of transferring the company's assets from Georgia to Virginia. PCI is one of the oldest grading companies in numismatics, originally founded around 1986 using a larger slab that incorporated a full color picture. In 1991, PCI acquired the assets of Hallmark grading service (originally developed by Bowers and Merena) and switched over to the Hallmark slab around the time of the Chicago ANA show that summer.

The early PCI holders were quite well-respected, and savvy collectors and dealers alike still covet the Pre-2001 green-label PCI coins. Starting around 2001, the company changed hands a few more times, and new label colors were introduced (red, green, gold), and the quality of the grading suffered as well.

Feigenbaum, who has been grading and dealing in coins since 1979, has a staff with over 75 years of collective numismatic experience. He notes that until the true acceptance of third party grading around 1990, all dealers graded their own material. Some dealers were known for being more conservative (and accurate) than others. His father, David, taught him the importance of strict, conservative grading. There was no need to embellish the grades because they didn't want to disappoint their mail-order clients.

He adds that those who submit coins to the new PCI can also expect a different result than they previously expected on submissions. They will be much tougher on submissions than the "old" PCI. The new PCI coins will stand on their own in the marketplace, and DLRC will stand behind the new PCI with market support, making an active two-way market in the new PCI slabs.

Because of time constraints in getting the new PCI operation reorganized, they do not encourage new submissions for 30-60 days. When they officially re-open for submissions, look for an entirely new label with a better design, more information and clarity.

He also reports that they are seeking relationships with variety specialists who will help us with difficult attributions. He is fond of PCI's old "Signature Series" program which built on relationships with acknowledged experts in different fields. If you are such an expert, please contact him directly.

For more information, visit the PCI website (www.pcicoins.com) or send an email to info@pcicoins.com.

What the Designer Wanted – And What We Got

Bill Eckberg

The designers of coins get "credit" for the product, but frequently the product isn't quite what the designer had in mind. Coins have to be made for commerce, as that is their most important function. Beauty is important, too, and often in the eyes of the beholder, but practicality has to win out in the end. The early 20th century was a time when this truth played out in epic fashion. Here we will talk about two examples.

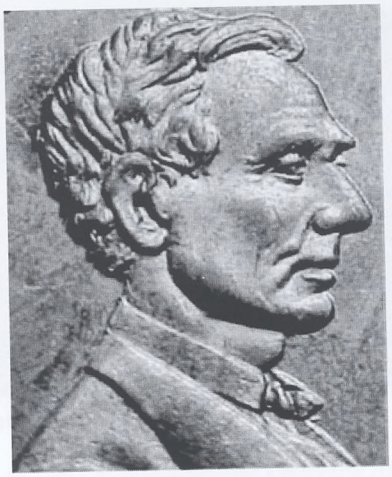
American coinage had been mired in the doldrums for many years with Charles Barber's flat and uninspired designs for the nickel and silver coins and the Gobrecht and Longacre gold designs that had been in production since the 1830s. Theodore Roosevelt wanted our change to change. He engaged Augustus St. Gaudens, our most famous sculptor, to redesign the Double Eagle. St. Gaudens' design is widely thought to be the most beautiful motif of any circulating U.S. coin. Indeed, it is a beautiful coin. Wearing a flowing, classical gown, Ms. Liberty strides confidently into the future, carrying a torch and an olive branch. A rising sun and a tiny U.S. Capitol appear behind her but do not distract from the image of a strong, confident Liberty in the world. The date appears in the lower right in formal, Roman, numerals. Though a dozen were struck to his design, reportedly, 9 blows of the Mint's heaviest press were needed to strike each, so it clearly wasn't practical. What finally circulated wasn't quite what he had in mind. St. Gaudens died of cancer before the coins could be produced, and his assistant, Henry Hering, redesigned the coin.

Hering's version was in somewhat lower, but still quite high, relief. This version required only three blows of a heavy press. Much better, but still not adequate for a circulating coin. About 12,000 such pieces were minted. Hering's coins were much like St. Gaudens', but they do differ. There is a larger Capitol at the lower left, the sun's rays stand out more and therefore muddle the motif, and the entire motif is smaller to allow the coin to have a definite rim.

Charles Barber finally redesigned the coin so it could be struck with a single blow of a high-speed press, and so it would stack. His version has a still larger and more detailed – therefore distracting – Capitol, and the sun's rays are relatively more intense, further distracting from Ms. Liberty, who now appears to be standing on a rock rather than striding forward. The date now appears in the more familiar Arabic type numerals. It's still a lovely coin, but it just isn't what the artist – or President Roosevelt – intended. But that was not all. Now, we have an even further degraded microcephalic Liberty on the current bullion coins.

Six years later came James Earle Fraser's Indian Head, more commonly called Buffalo, nickel. Fraser's design was extremely robust. The bison has a real tactile, medallic, three-dimensional character. You can see and feel the roughness of his hide. The fields are textured and give a sense of the rugged West. A distinctly American design if there ever was one. Presumably, it was quickly noticed that the denomination "FIVE CENTS" at the lower reverse would quickly wear, as that was the highest point on the reverse, so it was decided to take him off his "mound" and put him on a flat "plain" with FIVE CENTS recessed below it. Inexplicably, nobody noticed that the same thing would be true of the date, which continued to wear away quickly throughout the run of the coin. The reworking of the motif, again by Charles Barber, also lost much of its robustness. Barber's version of the bison is softer, smoother and almost sedate. Further, the fields have lost all of their medallic texture. It's still an attractive coin, but it isn't what the artist had in mind. Worse, the problem of the date was never addressed. We finally did get a faithful rendition of Fraser's bison, but it was on the $50 bullion coin (see p. 7).

We got good-looking coins in that era, but instead of beautiful, medallic artwork, what we got was a commercial imitation of the designs.



American Icon

By Tom Kays

As we approach Abraham Lincoln's birth bicentennial it is time to review your holdings of numismatic Lincolnania. Prices tend to rise the year before major commemorative events, while public interest peaks at the event. Will you be ready when the Log Cabin cent reverse of 2009 raises public interest in all things Lincoln? In 1860 Abraham Lincoln, a surprising political candidate from out west, ran in a difficult, tempestuous campaign to represent the new Republican Party.

Figure 1. Campaign of 1860 Republican Party – Anti-slavery – "Success to Republican Principles" Token in copper – Good for Lincoln or whoever would win the Republican party nomination

Figure 2. Campaign of 1860 Lincoln "Free Territory" Medal (AL1860-41) in white metal

Abraham Lincoln, having split rails to make fence in his youth, displayed campaign banners on fence rails at the Decatur Illinois State Convention to symbolize his industry. In political cartoons Lincoln used those split rails of his youth to build his platform. Lincoln approved this message and encouraged his nickname "Rail Splitter of the West."

Figure 3. Campaign of 1860 Lincoln "Rail Splitter" Medal (AL1860-37) in Brass – Holed for suspension

By law federal coins must depict emblems of liberty. For nearly four and a half decades after Lincoln's death no United States coin minted for general circulation depicted a once living person. Commemorative coins were exempt from the prohibition under a different law. Commemoratives for Christopher Columbus on the 1892/1893 Columbian Half Dollar and Washington with Lafayette on the 1900 Lafayette Dollar began to show real and historical people.

Figure 4. 1918 Illinois Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar featuring Abraham Lincoln

In discussing coin design, *A Talk with the Director of the Mint* as reported by the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* newspaper of July 21, 1890 reveals "Another design that could be dispensed with to advantage is the Indian on the penny. The law says the design on the face of the penny shall typify liberty, but I cannot see the relation between liberty and the head of an Indian, for the Indian has very few liberties nowadays, and the more he has the less people like it." In 1895 the Abraham Lincoln Cent Association formed "in order to give the poorest among our people the opportunity to do something toward helping to lift the debt of the American Missionary Association. Members were encouraged to examine their finances each February 12th, on Lincoln's birthday to give a cent-a-day, a cent-a-week, a cent-a-month, or five dollars all at once to become a Memorial Member of the Association. The cent denomination, that mainspring of charity and church plates, was well established in conjunction with honest Abe Lincoln's memory at the turn of the 20th century.

Principal Albert E. Maltby of Slippery Rock State Normal School, reports in *The American Citizen in Philadelphia*: "On August 2, 1909 the new "Lincoln" cents ordered struck off in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the late President's birth were issued from the mint in Philadelphia. The head of Lincoln, which appears on the coins, was designed by Victor D. Brenner from a photograph…" "The first issue of $150,000 worth of new pennies went promptly into circulation…It is not likely that the coins will ever command a premium, because of the large number made and now in circulation. Artistically the Lincoln cent is a beautiful coin." As numismatists know the presence of Victor D. Brenner's initials on Federal coinage raised a public relations flap. His initials were promptly removed, giving rise to speculation in "VDB" cents. By 1912 a thing deemed trivial was "not worth an uninitialled cent."

Figures 5 and 6, *Lincoln Face Off* - Obverse of Lincoln cent compared to Civil War Token Cent (127-177) Obverse: Lincoln – 1864, Reverse "First in War – First in Peace" dated 1863 in white metal

In 1910 after the Indian head design retired, N. C. Alger of Middle Hope, New York argued "I plead for the restoration of the face of Sarah Longacre to the smallest currency of the nation; as busts and pictures, and statues and monuments and streets and avenues honor Washington and Lincoln and they cannot be raised higher in the nation's or the world's appreciation, but the face of the young girl on the cent honors American womanhood and American civilization." "If the great-hearted Abraham Lincoln were alive, his would be the first voice to plead for the restoration of the face of Sarah Longacre upon the cent. He would be as urgent and insistent as was Washington, who refused to permit his face to grace the cent because of its monarchical tendencies." Alger relates how Chief Engraver James B. Longacre hosted a reception of Native American chiefs in Washington in 1835. During a reception attended by his daughter Sarah, then ten years old, she was much taken with the chiefs. One placed his feathered bonnet on her head and she sat still for a quick sketch thus attired. According to Alger, Longacre remembered and used that sketch decades later when new cent designs were to be entertained. His account is romantic, yet a bit folkloric, by modern numismatist opinion.

The Rochester Post-Express reported in 1909 "If the Lincoln cent is a precedent, then American money may acquire an historical value. Why shouldn't other great Americans be nominated for similar distinction? Who knows but centuries hence, the archeologists will construct the fabric of this civilization on the coins found in the ruins of the nation."

With over 150 billion Lincoln cents in circulation after a century of daily use, Lincoln's portrait litters the land. His face is the most copied of any man who ever lived. The probability is high that a little of Lincoln rests in your own

Figure 7. 1939 Lincoln Cent – green after about a half century in the ground

lawn. Dated coins are a welcome beacon to archeologists helping interpret all objects lost in the same soil horizon. Imagine future archeologists attempting to explain our culture. They might be surprised to learn Lincoln didn't live in the twentieth century. The Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission met in 1958 to ponder whether to replace the "wheat back" with a log cabin to show Lincoln's humble birthplace for Lincoln's 150th birthday in April 1959. Assistant Engraver Frank Gasparro, inspired by ancient Greek coins settled on "an ideal head on the obverse and a temple portal on the reverse with a deity in the portal." Lincoln now reigns in numismatic stature equal to Greek deities, an American icon. The not-so-humble Lincoln Memorial cent reverse is still current, until next year, when the bicentennial log cabin cent, the first of a series depicting stages of Lincoln's life will bring Lincoln back to earth, ground him at his origin, make him appear human again. He would be pleased, especially if a stout split rail fence completes the natal log cabin scene.

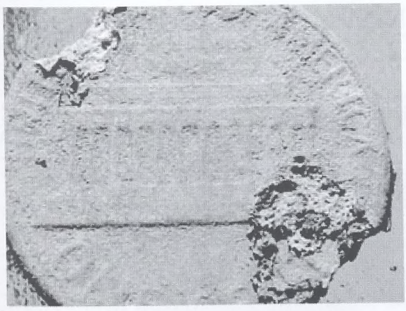


Figure 8. Frank Gasparro's "Temple Portal," Post-1982 Zinc Cent after less than a decade in the ground

Our imagined future archeologists will also be surprised to learn Lincoln cents were minted after 1982. Since cent composition switched to a volatile and unfortunately reactive mix of zinc with copper, modern Lincoln cents deteriorate so rapidly in the ground as to become unrecognizable after a score of years. Even worse than pewter coins with tin pest languishing in the ground from the age of William and Mary, zinc composition cents will rapidly fall to cor-

ruption well before the 21st century comes to a close. Thus it will appear to future antiquarians who know how to read ancient coins, that Lincoln the bearded deity, associated with wheat or the harvest, reigned in America from the early nineteen-somethings to 1958, when he attained some great honor and rose to command a great temple or national granary. Some financial disaster (involving wheat production?) in 1983 caused no more cents to be issued, or perhaps the value of a cent had grown so small that Americans had no need for them, although conflicting accounts exist.

During his prolific life, Franklin D. Roosevelt encouraged giving to the March of Dimes. After his passing the nation honored Roosevelt by retiring "Winged Liberty" from the dime in favor of Roosevelt's familiar profile. Such numismatic honors take easy precedent from earlier presidents so distinguished. Thank you Abraham Lincoln, American Icon - O beacon for future archeologists to embrace twentieth century artifacts.

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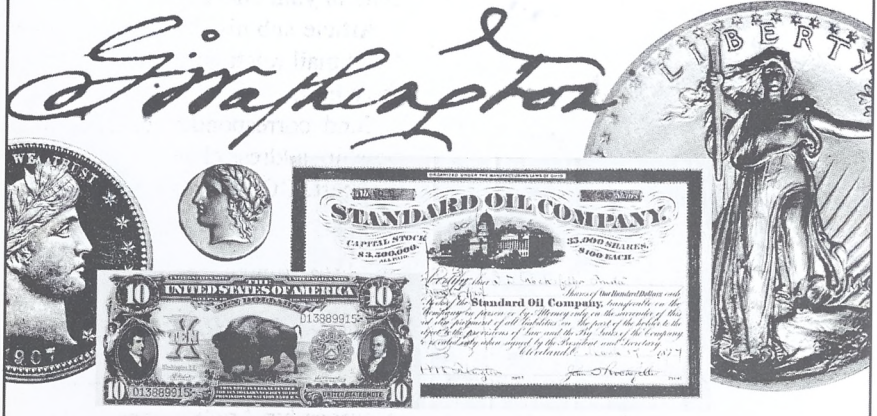

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

It is nearly Summer and I am preparing like most of us for a different venue of excitement. That means less in the way of coin shows and more in the way of home maintenance and improvements. I have spent many of my summers the same way as this one coming, climbing the sides of my home to do painting and repairs, digging in the yard to make a home for new plants, all the while thinking about those coins that will one day make it into my collection. Ah, to dream...

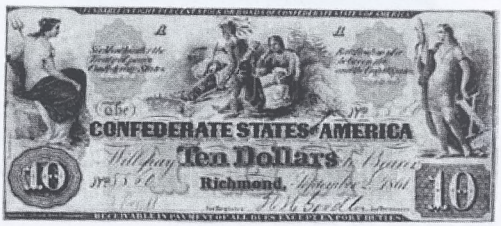
Since our last issue when I called for nominations for new officers, we have been flooded with members eager to throw their hats into the ring. Their names and locations are listed within the pages of this issue. The election will actually occur in the summer, giving all of our members time to reflect on the candidates of their choice. Thank you so much to those of you who volunteered to help run your state club.

Also, I have been informed of some changes for our September convention. We are fortunate to have a very good Bourse Master in George Cash, who has been on top of every potential problem that could possibly occur; and it's due to his incredible focus that alerted the VNA of a change for the convention's site that could have been disastrous if not for his diligence. As a result, the convention has been successfully moved to an even better site, maintaining the dates of our original plans and thereby insuring that the contracts with our dealers and suppliers remain intact.

The Greater Richmond Convention Center will give us all that we need in way of space for our bourse, exhibits, lectures and group discussions. It is centrally located in downtown Richmond, an area alive with all the aspects of culture suitable for a city of its size. We will have a great show, a great agenda for collectors and a wonderful city to visit at the same time.

For now though, let me just lie here with my paint brush, garden trowel and just dream...

John Koebert



Editor's Corner

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. Welcome to the spring issue of *The Virginia Numismatist*. It is mid-May as I write this, and the spring has been just about magnificent. We haven't approached any record high temperatures, and it's the heat that gets to me around here. We did have rain of Biblical proportions over Mothers' Day weekend, which was unfortunate, but otherwise, things could hardly have been nicer.

This issue has a lot of information that is important to the VNA and our members. As you can tell from the article by George Cash, we had a major glitch with our convention planning. The location we had scheduled cancelled on us. Fortunately, we were able to secure an even better location in Richmond (the same city) for the same dates, so nobody will have to change their calendars – only their driving directions. Thanks and kudos to George, who found us the new venue.

I also call your attention to the announcement of the slate for the election of VNA officers that will be held at the show. Virginia is a very large commonwealth, and we have heard some grumbling to the effect that too many of of the club officers in recent years have been from Northern Virginia. This year's candidates come from all over the state. The only members of the Board from Northern Virginia for the coming year will be John Koebert (Past-President) and myself (Editor and 2nd VP), both of us continuing by virtue of our jobs in the club. We all sincerely hope that more members will participate in more of the VNA's activities with the broadened geographic leadership. Remember that everyone who serves the VNA as a Board member is a VOLUNTEER, and we can always use YOU and your talents.

My collecting has been quiet to the point of non-existent since I last wrote. I have sold a few coins, but I haven't added any new ones to my collection. There are plenty of opportunities coming up, though. Foremost, the American Numismatic Association is having its annual convention in nearby Baltimore in late July/early August. Also, there will be the regular Baltimore show, now run by Whitman Publishing in early June. Finally, our own VNA Convention and Show will be held in Richmond in early September. I always seem to find something special on the Bourse at the VNA shows, so I'm planning to attend and looking forward to all three.

We plan to get one more issue of *The Virginia Numismatist* out before the VNA Convention. We depend upon submissions from members to fill the pages of each issue, so I would love to receive an article from YOU.

Please note that I have a new mailing address. You can find it on page 3 and on page 24 of this issue.

Numismatically yours,

Bill Eckberg

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George Cash, 2008 VNA Bourse Chairman

Just when you think that things are sweet – somebody throws you a lemon. On the morning of April 23, I received a call from the director of the facility for our 2008 VNA convention, informing me that due to unexpected circumstances they were cancelling our agreement. WOW!

After discussing our dilemma with the leadership in VNA and our host club, the Richmond Coin Club, it was decided to go forward and transition to another location. This has been accomplished. The new venue is the Greater Richmond Convention Center – a world class facility. Nothing else has changed; the dates are still September 12, 13 &14 in Richmond.

My thanks go out to my wife Susan who has spent hours working on the many changes now needed, the VNA board, the 2008 convention steering committee, and the Richmond Coin Club leadership for their understanding and help in turning a possible meltdown into an exciting, expanded event – the 50th Annual VNA Convention Coin & Currency Show.

A special thanks to Steve Ellsworth. Steve was able to secure Jay Johnson, a former Director of the U.S. Mint, to be the guest speaker at our Friday night banquet. (Tickets for this event available at $35.00 each.) Mr. Johnson has also served as a congressman from Wisconsin, worked for the Department of the Treasury, and was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for congressional affairs at USDA. Mr. Johnson is currently owner of Jay Johnson Coins and Consulting. He is a consultant to PCGS and to Collectors Universe. He is a member of the ANA, which awarded him the Presidential award for all his services to numismatics and the ANA. On top of all of this, he has a reputation as a great speaker. I can hardly wait to meet this guy!

I've got to go now – need make more lemonade.

New Members

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Candiadates for the VNA Board of Directors

To be elected at the dinner at the VNA Show in Richmond. We hope to have short biosketches of the candidates at the show.

Here is the list of people who agreed to run for VNA office. We have done our best to get candidates from across the state. Thanks to George Cash for his efforts at identifying excellent candidates.

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Some Thoughts on Fourres

Jim Ruehrmund

A fourre is an ancient counterfeit coin with a plating of silver over a copper core. Nearly all of the ancient plated forgeries we encounter today are Roman, but the Romans did not originate the process; they inherited it from the Greeks. The manufacture of plated forgeries seems to have commenced very shortly after the start of coinage.

Making a fourre required considerable craftsmanship and metallurgical knowledge just to prepare the blanks. The forger started with a copper disc a bit smaller in diameter and a bit thicker than the finished coin. He then took two thin discs of good silver and placed the copper core between them, after first thoroughly scouring the contacting metal surfaces. The metal sandwich was then placed in a furnace and heated just short of the melting point, which fused the three pieces of metal into one. When the fused blank had cooled it was flattened slightly by several hammer blows, and the edge was carefully peened to hide the seam. The blank was then ready to be die struck, which called for the use of official dies, or very close copies of official dies, if the resulting forgery was to pass as genuine.

The question of who made the fourres is one that still wants a final answer. That distinguished numismatist, Harold Mattingly, believed that in some of the less reputable reigns – *i.e.* Caligula, Claudius and Nero – the Roman Mint routinely adulterated its output with an admixture of plated coin. Other distinguished scholars flatly state that all plated coins are the work of private counterfeiters and that the Roman Senate would never have approved the official issue of false coin.

Perhaps the truth lies somewhere in between. An event from pre-imperial times offers a clue. In 85 B.C., during the time of the dictator, Sulla, Rome was beset by an enormous influx of plated denarii. Things got so bad that, according to ancient authorities, no man could tell the value of his silver holdings, Then a preator, M. Marius Gratidianus, announced that he had invented a test for detecting plated coins. When Sulla learned of this, he summoned Gratidianus to his house, and had him strangled to death. This incident seems to me to be certain evidence that Sulla, himself, was involved in the manufacture of plated denarii. As dictator, Sulla had every bit as much power as the emperors who came along half a century later, and he never let himself be bothered by legal niceties.

The manufacture of fourres ended sometime in the third century A.D. when it ceased to be profitable, and the technique of plating by fusion was lost. It was reinvented in 1742 by Thomas Boulsover of Sheffield, England, and became the basis for that city's extensive manufactory of silver-plated household wares. Sheffield plate was made for a century, until the fusion plating process was replaced by electroplating in the 1850s.

The last word on fourres has yet to be said. No one knows how many such pieces, accepted as genuine, in some cases for centuries, reside in collections today.

Should you discover that some of your prized Roman denarii are actually foures, don't despair, but treasure them as genuine ancient artifacts.

Plated Denarius of Q. Checilus Metellus Pius *circa* 79 BC x2.5 Dark areas show copper core where silver plating has worn away

You Decide

Bill Eckberg

One of the more interesting examples of approaches that collectors of 20th century U.S. coins use to make collecting more challenging is to look for coins that are particularly strongly struck. Full Bands/Full Split Bands on Winged Liberty dime reverses are a good example that has been collected for some time. Full Bell Lines on Franklin half dollars are another. This one is particularly interesting, as the design of Franklins is so lightly engraved into the dies that even the strongest strikes look pretty flat.

The one of interest here is Standing Liberty quarter dollars with Full Head. I have watched this niche with interest for many years. Without a doubt, Ms. Liberty's head and face are an important motif of the coin, and it does look better with full details on the face, but the head is tiny and at the edge, surrounded by lettering. There are other details that can come flatly struck, and some – like the shield and leg drapery – are considerably more obvious than the head.

Type I quarters with the bare breast seem to come with full head details most of the time. These are generally fully-struck on the head, shield, drapery and toes. This picture shows a typically beautiful example.

When we get to the covered breast varieties, things are much different. Few examples are struck with Full Head details, fewer still with Full Shield details, and the standards for Full Head have deteriorated. At one time, a complete hairline, 3 complete

leaves in the hair and an ear hole were all required for a Full Head coin as on this 1920 example on the left, which also has full shield and drapery details. The examples shown here were all certified as FH gems or near gems by one of the most respected and "professional" grading services. The 1924 D on the right (graded MS65 FH) shows a complete hairline, and Ms. Liberty exhibits a cheekbone as well, but no trace of an ear hole. There is a bit of flatness on the shield as well. The 1926 D shown below (MS64 FH) shows an ear hole, but the hairline is not complete, Ms. Liberty has no cheekbone, and there is significant weakness at the shield, with several rivets completely missing, and the shield boss is very weak and blurry. Our next example (below), a MS66 FH 1828 S, does not show a complete hairline or ear hole and is missing 3 rivets on the shield.

By contrast, the last coin, which is raw, clearly should not meet the standards for a Full Head, but it does show a cheekbone and every detail of the shield. You can buy coins with a full shield for a fraction of the price of one with an allegedly full head and have a coin that is in many ways better struck.

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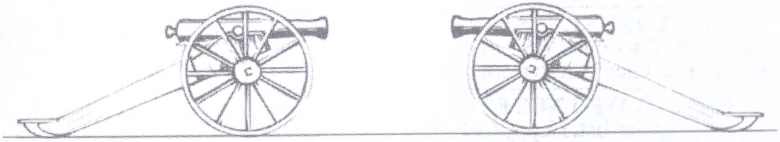

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Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. Welcome to the fall issue of *The Virginia Numismatist*. George Cash reports on our highly successful Convention and Show and announces next year's show. We were fortunate to have George and his wife, Susan, who both put countless hours into making sure this was a convention to remember. They have already started planning next year's show; please see George's request for volunteers to help out. This is YOUR club and it needs YOUR help to be even greater.

Also in this issue, I'm sure you will enjoy Mark Benvenuto's interesting piece on the Shield Nickels, which features some good information and good advice.

The sale of my half cent collection by fixed price list is continuing, even in the bad economic conditions that we now face. I have recently filled a couple more holes in my commemorative silver collection, with the addition of nice examples of the Lynchburg and Arkansas coins. We have now had the release of the last of the state quarters, and I am still saving all that come my way. It may be time to go through what I have and send most to the bank before my wife does.

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Dear Fellow Members,

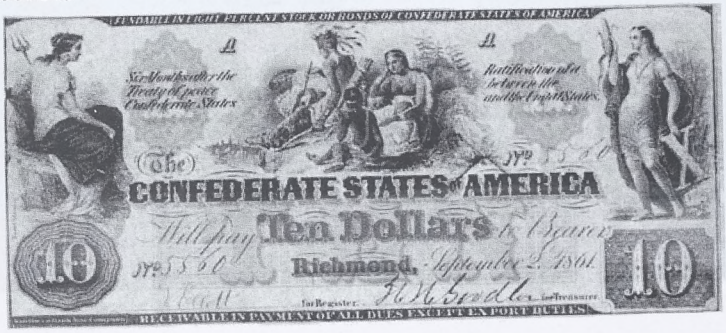
Another VNA convention has come and gone, and this one was one of the best ever. It will be talked about for years to come, perhaps even decades. I can not remember a convention before when collectors of all generations came together for an event as the one on Friday, September 12, 2008. The banquet hall was filled with the likes of VNA Past-Presidents and officers, some from the earliest beginnings of the club. I can not begin to express the feeling and honor of having addressed such a remarkable group of people that attended that function.

I would like at this time to reiterate my thanks to those individuals and groups that made the 50th Virginia Numismatic Association's Convention a tremendous success. These would be George and Susan Cash, the VNA 2008 Bourse Chairman and his wife; Patty Finner, Vice President of the American Numismatic Association; Jay Johnson, former United States Mint Director; Harvey Hinson, President of the Richmond Coin Club; and last, but certainly not least, the dealers and collectors who attended the show. You are all truly the heroes of the numismatic community, because without you, none of this event would have come to pass. And, in my opinion, it will pass into history as one of the best of all time.

On a side note, I am pleased to report that I have accepted a one year appointment as your President from the current VNA Board of Directors. There was a little confusion regarding the ballots that were sent out with the summer issue of the magazine. Apparently, what was first thought to be a confirmation of nomination to the post for one individual was not, and the error was not discovered until after the ballots had already been mailed. I completely understood and respected this person's feelings for not accepting the nomination, and in order to keep the post from being vacant, I offered the current board my services for another year.

With all said, I look forward to seeing you again at the next convention. Until then, happy collecting...may you all find the coin or currency of your dreams in the months ahead.

John Koebert



Reflections on the VNA Convention

George Cash

As I stood in the empty convention hall and reflected on the past six days, it was hard to believe that it was over. The barren tables, papers scattered on the floor, and Henry Coalter, my wife Susan, and I doing the final clean up attested that the 50th Anniversary Convention was indeed over.

My thoughts race back to the Friday when our honored guests, those VNA members with 40 or more year's membership, entered the bourse and smiles spread across their faces as memories of past conventions flooded back. Later, 63 people enjoyed fellowship at the banquet. Good times!

The convention attracted 100 dealers from 16 states with 160 tables and nearly 1,000 attendees and participants. The Greater Richmond Convention Center was a hit. The Richmond Coin Club provided 33 volunteers whose efforts were well received by the dealers and others.

VNA was honored to have Jay Johnson, former Director of the U.S. Mint as the keynote banquet speaker and Patricia Finner, American Numismatic Association Vice President, who certified 56 Scouts for the Coin Collecting Merit Badge and surprised banquet attendees with many numismatic door prizes.

Ribbon Cutting. Left to right: VNA President, John Koebert, Convention Chair, George Cash, ANA Vice President, Patricia Jaeger-Finner, Susan Cash, Richmond Coin Club President, Harvey Hinson, the first attendee.

It was long hard work, but very much worth it. In fact, we have already started on next year's convention.

We sure could use volunteers, now, to help make our next convention, September 18-20, 2009, even better. There are a variety of tasks to be done in the months ahead, most of which involve computer skills and attention to detail and deadlines: create a mailing list from attendee registrations, line up exhibitors and educational presenters, manage banquet reservations, contact Boy Scout Councils to publicize Merit Badge Certification workshop, handle postcard mailing, handle publicity, obtain advertisers for program, and more. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at PO Box 74775, Richmond, VA 23236 or (804) 276-5430 or cash2274@comcast.net

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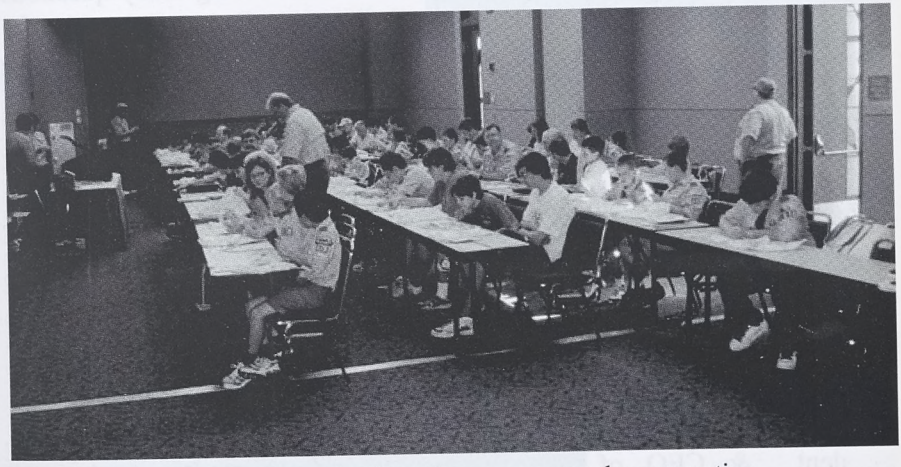

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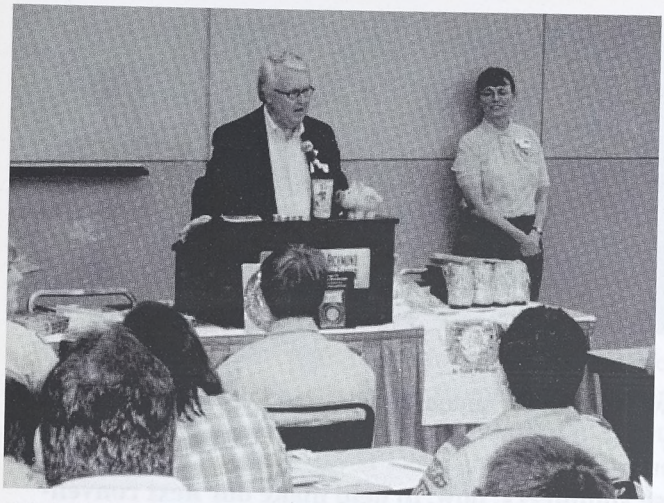
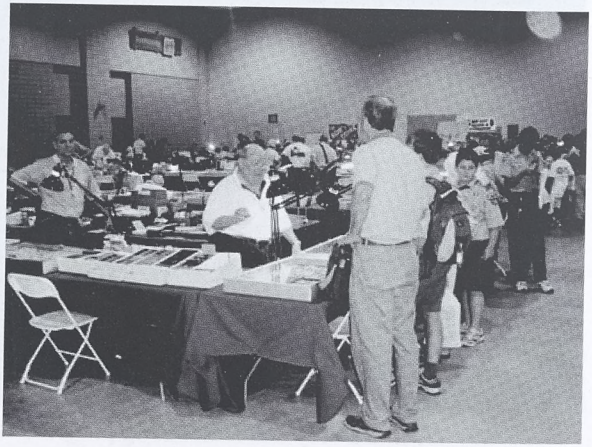


Jay Johnson, former Director of the United States Mint, talks to the scouts while Patricia Finner looks on.

Highlights of the event included:

- Jay Johnson, former Director of the U.S. Mint, was the keynote speaker at the VNA Awards Banquet.
- Ten past VNA board members with 40 or more years of service attended the banquet and received awards for their contributions in furthering the hobby of numismatics.
- George Cash, the Convention Coordinator, was presented with the American Numismatic Association's "Presidents Award" by Patricia Finner, Vice President of the ANA.
- Patricia Finner spearheaded the Young Numismatists area for three days, distributing educational material and answering many questions from young collectors. She also led a certification workshop for the Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge in which 56 Scouts participated.



- ANA conducted a two-day pre-convention seminar on the "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins."
- James Taylor, President & CEO of

ANACS, and Dominion Grading Service were available to receive coins for authentication and grading.

- There were five world-class exhibits: Scott Arney took first and second place for his exhibits The Buffalo on Coins & Currency and Other Numismatic Examples, and Russian Coins & Currency of Czar Nicholas II. Runners up were Sherrod Gresham for African-American History on Numismatic Material, Halbert Carmichael for Birds of Africa, and Clyde Childress for his exhibit, Old & Curious Primitive Money.
- Educational Seminars included: Morgan & Peace Dollar VAMS by C. Ash Harrison, Collecting & Selling Half Cents by Col. Steven Ellsworth, Ancient Coins of the Greek Pentathlon by Anthony Milavic, Standing Liberty Quarters by John Yancho, and Deniers, Dimes & Dollars—How Coins Got Their Names by Andy Singer.
- Alan Blair conducted an auction on Saturday evening. There were more than 800 lots consisting of gem uncirculated wheat cents; an array of type coins; a wide variety of currency, world and ancient coins; and a wide range of gold including the Jackie Robinson Uncirculated $5 Gold Proof.

The VNA has a rich 50-year history. Three ANA Presidents began as collectors in the VNA, and several directors of the U.S. Mint have been members. In 1966 a group within VNA known as the "Rag-Pickers" was formed when serious currency collectors gathered after each annual banquet and shared their knowledge and collections. Grover Criswell, Charlie Affleck, Douglas Ball, "Chet" Krause, Jimmy Johnson, Gerald Schmidt, Frank Hannah, Richard Jones, Keith Littlefield, Paul Garland, George Moorehead, and Jim Ruehrmund were among the participants.

The exhibits featured BIG money.

The Forgotten Shield Nickels

Mark Benvenuto

Shield nickels may not be the most overlooked series of United States coins ever, but they are probably in the top ten. Attend any decent-sized coin show, in Virginia or out, and you will invariably find several dealers with large displays of Morgan and Peace dollars, as well as Walking Liberty and Franklin half dollars. In addition, there will almost always be dealers with impressive displays of U.S. gold, from quarter eagles all the way up to the big, lustrous double eagles. But shield nickels? Well, they invariably seem to end up in a book off to the side of a dealer's display, or in some box at the back of the table. That's too bad, since there are some good buys in the series, especially at the tail end.

What we now call nickels weren't even in the original plans of the Mint. The five cent coin was to be our smallest silver piece, the half dime. Indeed, half dimes were even made for years while nickels were being produced as well. But the 16 May, 1866 Mint Act authorized the use of nickel – a relative newcomer when it came to metals – in a five cent coin. The composition of ¼ nickel metal and ¾ copper has remained the same from then until the present, with the exception of a few years during the Second World War.

The design of the nickel certainly hasn't remained the same, rather obviously. The shield nickels, designed by James Longacre, may not be his most impressive art work, but do remain a handsome, straightforward image. First issued in 1866, the total mintage was an amazing 14.7 million coins. As if this wasn't enough, the next three years saw even higher mintages, with over 28.8 million produced in 1867, and again in 1868. As well, each of these early years saw some proofs. These Mint numbers are noteworthy, because we can use them as a sort of reference point for the dates we are going to look at in more detail, those at the end of the series.

Take a look at the small table we've put together, comparing dates, total mintages for that date, proof mintages, and prices. These price tags come from a recent issue of one of the national periodicals, and may be a tad off by the time this is published. But whatever the price, look at the trends!

Date	Mintage	MS-62	MS-63	Proof Mintage	PF-63
1874	3,538,000	$300	$350	700+	$400
1875	2,097,000	$375	$400	700+	$400
1876	2,530,000	$275	$350	1,150+	$400
1880	19,955	$5,000	$7,500	3,955	$400
1881	72,375	$1,100	$1,200	3,575	$400
1882	11,476,000	$200	$250	3,100	$400
1883	1,456,919	$200	$250	5,419	$400

The first trend to look at may not be the most obvious: the price of the proofs. The least common, the 1874s and '75s, are about seven times rarer than the most common, the 1883. But there's absolutely no difference in the price. This tells a

collector a couple of things. First, apparently few people try to put together a proof set of Shield nickels. And second, these coins are under valued in their proof state. After all, they are far less common than any of the circulation strikes, and even if you consider that very few of the circulation strikes were kept in excellent condition, its hard to believe that there aren't at least as many remaining in mint state as there are proofs. Yet those proofs don't really cost an arm and a leg.

A second trend worth looking at is the price differences between the MS-63s and the PF-63s. These numbers seem to reinforce what we have already mentioned, that the proofs are coins with some growth potential to them.

A third trend worth looking at though is the price differences of the circulation strikes that have low mintage totals versus those with high. Clearly, the 1881, and more so the 1880, are considered rare enough that they command a premium. Even without a huge number of Shield nickel collectors, this makes sense. The two mintage totals are low enough that any savvy collector will generally consider them rare. They are certainly less common than the 1909-S VDB Lincoln cent, or the 1916-D Mercury dime. Yes, they have fewer followers than those two classic, ever-desired rarities, but that's why their prices are high as opposed to astronomical.

When we see that there are some Shield nickels – the proofs – with so much potential, it's natural to wonder just how one can put together a collection of them. The way to do so probably boils down to one word: patience. Think about it, it's difficult to think that trips to local shops or coin shows will net you these seven proofs in a single swoop (and yes, there are proofs in this series from other years as well). They're rare, even if they are under valued. Perhaps if a person attended a few national ANA conventions they could land them all. But even then, the amount of footwork needed is daunting. On the other hand, enough time – and patience – will probably bring them all to you.

If you've been awakened to the idea of one or more excellent, proof Shield nickels to add to your collection, good. If you've decided it might be worth looking at a few other series to see if there are some under valued goodies to be had, better. If you've got the patience to make your numismatic dreams come to pass, better still! Have fun.

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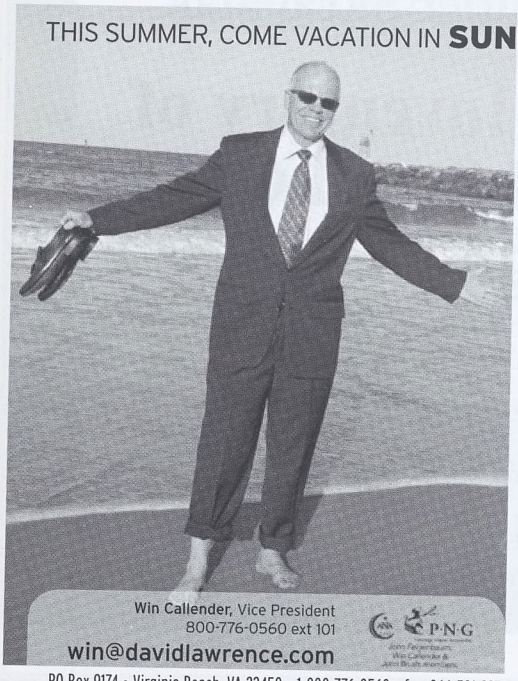

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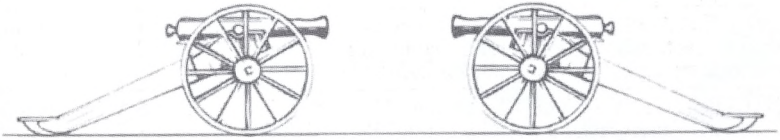

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President's Letter

This is my last letter to you as President. Since being elected to that post in Fall, 2005, it has been my pleasure to serve such a great organization as ours. I have met a lot of new people, many of whom have become close friends, and all have been so supportive as to make me feel that I have contributed much to the Virginia Numismatic Association.

Actually, you are the ones who make the contributions and make the VNA the great club that it is. I look forward to seeing you at the convention in Richmond this September, and continuing to support our club, its members and board for the coming years.

John Koebert
VNA President, 2005-2008

Editor's Corner

Bill Eckberg

Greetings, fellow Virginia Numismatists. Welcome to the summer issue of *The Virginia Numismatist*. This issue is all about the upcoming Convention and Show. Thanks to George Cash for his tireless work on behalf of all of us and our club, we are able to provide the program and a preliminary dealer list for the bourse.

Also in this issue, and equally important, is the ballot for officers of the VNA. Your vote is important, as we have some constested offices. Please tear out or photocopy the ballot, fill it in, and mail it to our President, John Koebert.

I've entered into a new world of numismatics since our last issue. I am selling my half cent collection at fixed price list. The catalog should be out by the beginning of the ANA show, and I'll keep VNA members posted on the progress. You can see the coins at this website. http://www.earlycents.com/Bill Eckberg1.htm.

Please note that I have a new mailing address. You can find it on page 3 and on page 20 of this issue.

Numismatically yours,

Bill Eckberg

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116-117	164	214	264	314	364	414	464	514	Exhibits	E-17
115	163	213	263	313	363	413	463	513		E-16
114	162	212	262	312	362	412	462	512		E-15
113	161	211	261	311	361	411	461	511		E-14
112	160	210	260	310	360	410	460	510		E-13
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110	159	209	259	309	359	409	459	509		E-11
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108	157	207	257	307	357	407	457	507		E-9
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106	155	205	255	305	355	405	455	505		E-7
105										E-6
104	154	204	254	304	354	404	454	504		E-5
103	153	203	253	303	353	403	453	503		E-4
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VNA Convention Schedule

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 a.m--5:00 p.m.	ANA Course, Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins	Room E25-b

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 a.m--5:00 p.m.	ANA Course, Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins	Room E25-b

Thursday, September 11

1:00--7:00 p.m.	Dealer setup	Exhibit Hall D
5:00--6:00 p.m.	Exhibit judging	Exhibit Hall D

Friday, September 12

8:00--10:00 a.m.	Dealer setup	Exhibit Hall D
8:30 a.m.	Early birds admitted	Exhibit Hall D
10:00 a.m.	Ribbon cutting ceremony	Exhibit Hall D Entrance
10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m.	Show open to public	Exhibit Hall D
10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m.	Alan Blair Auction - lot viewing	Room E25-b
11:00 a.m.	Educational Seminar: Morgan and Peace Dollar VAMS - C. Ash Harrison (Ashmore Rare Coins)	Room E25-a
2:00 p.m.	Educational Seminar: Colonial Coins in America - John Koebert (VNA President)	Room E25-a
3:30 p.m.	Educational Seminar: Deniers, Dimes & Dollars--How Coins Got Their Names - Dr. Gordon A. Singer (Andy Singer)	Room E25-a
7-9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Room E11-bc

Saturday, September 13

8:00--10:00 a.m.	Dealer setup	Exhibit Hall D
8:30 a.m.	Early birds admitted	Exhibit Hall D
9:00 a.m.	Early American Coppers Club Meeting	Room E25-a
10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m.	Show open to public	Exhibit Hall D
10:00 a.m.--6:00 p.m.	Alan Blair Auction - lot viewing	Room E25-b
2:00 p.m.	Educational Seminar: Standing Liberty Quarters - Dr. John "Doc" Yancho (Rare Coins of Raleigh)	Room E25-a
3:30 p.m.	Educational Seminar: Collecting & Selling Half Cents - Col. Steven Ellsworth (Butternut Coins)	Room E25-a
7:00--9:00 p.m.	Alan Blair Auction	Room E25-a

Sunday, September 14

8:00--10:00 a.m.	Dealer setup	Exhibit Hall D
8:30 a.m.	Early birds admitted	Exhibit Hall D
10:00 a.m.--4:00 p.m.	Show open to public	Exhibit Hall D

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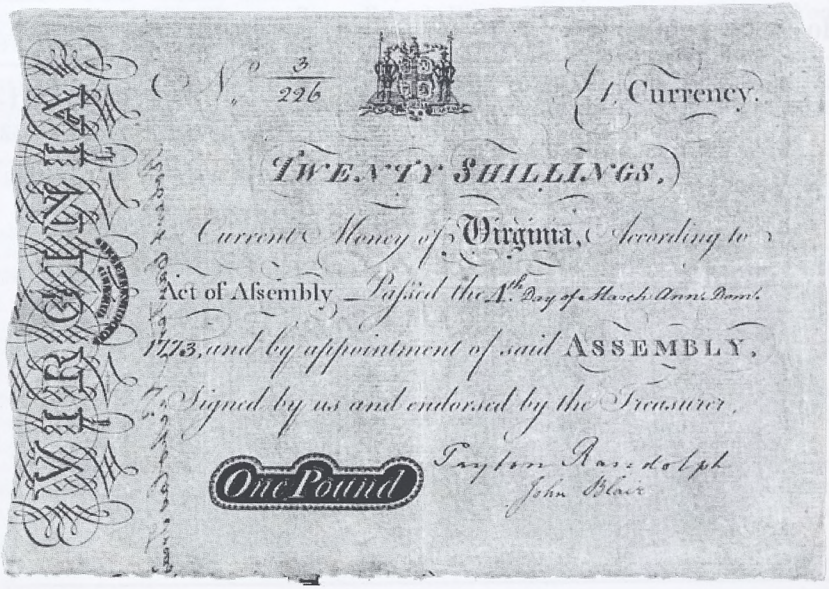

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September 12, 2008, 7-9:00 p.m.

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ANA Service Award	William Brewer
Awards to Exhibitors	Thayer Sheets
Special Award	George Cash
Membership Awards	John Koebert
Meal Service	
Keynote Speaker	Jay Johnson Former Director of the U.S. Mint
Installation of New Officers	John Koebert
Closing Remarks	Newly Installed President

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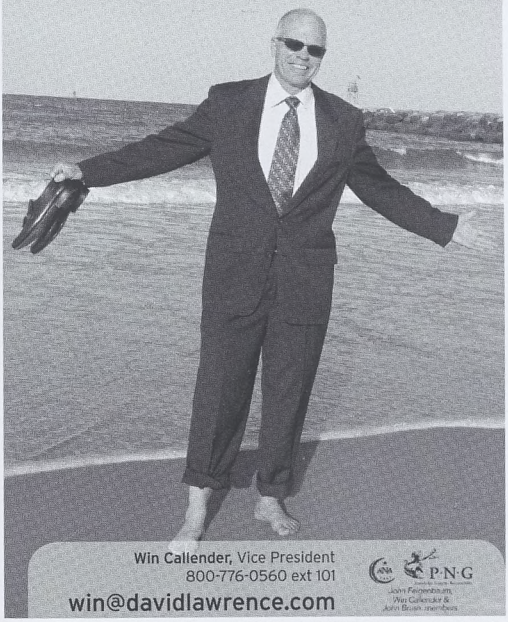

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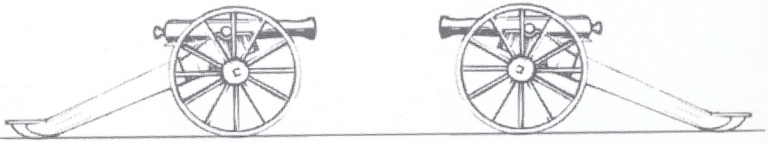

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